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UNCHARTED TERRITORIES

The high-tech hunt for one of the world's most elusive sharks

Nicolas Tomasi has never laid eyes on it. He has worked these waters for years without seeing one but has heard the tales from old-timers — of a patient predator, hiding under the sand off this French island's shores, waiting for the right moment to strike.

The angel shark does not want to be found. But it can hide no longer.

On a hot August afternoon, Tomasi lowered a long plastic tube attached to a weight over the edge of a dinghy and into the indigo water.

With the push of a few buttons, an electric pump began sucking up a small portion of the Mediterranean Sea — and with it, the ocean's secrets.

The thin stream of siphoned water looked ordinary, but floating in it were microscopic particles laden with DNA from dozens of ocean animals. If an angel shark was below, this device could detect it.

Today, said Tomasi, a project manager with the Natural Marine Park of Cap Corse and Agriate, we can find rare sea life "sans avoir à plonger." Without having to dive.

This is environmental DNA, or eDNA, a



TOP: A diver surveys fish off the coast of the French island of Corsica. ABOVE: Stéphanie Manel adds a solution to preserve a sample of environmental DNA, the genetic information that animals leave in their wake.

BY DINO GRANDONI
PHOTOS BY GREG LECOEUR
OFF THE COAST OF CORSICA

revolutionary technology that is helping scientists detect the treasure trove of genetic information animals leave in their wake and understand the breadth of life on Earth like never before.

Before, biologists had to drag nets through the sea or run electric currents through the water to incapacitate and count animals. Now, they can tally biodiversity simply by sampling water, soil or even air for the DNA animals shed in their environments daily.

Around the world from the Arctic to the Amazon, eDNA is rewriting the way biologists do conservation, allowing them to spot invasive pests entering ecosystems before anyone has seen them and to follow animals' migration fueled by climate change without deploying an army of people to track them.

But the most promising place for deploying eDNA may be Earth's oceans, where many species remain unknown and many threats, such as warmer waters and ocean acidification, are mounting.

In the case of France's elusive angel shark,

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Speaker battle begins as House tries to regroup

LEADERLESS, ADRIFT, BAFFLED AND ANGRY

With work halted, GOP looks at Scalise and Jordan

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR, LEIGH ANN CALDWELL AND COLBY ITKOWITZ

The jockeying to replace Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) as House speaker began moments after the ousted leader shocked his colleagues in a closed meeting Tuesday night by declaring that he would not run again for the speakership — or even name a preferred successor.

According to multiple people in the meeting, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe how the chaotic events played out, the shaken GOP lawmakers immediately formed smaller huddles with like-minded peers, beginning the process of determining what happens now that a House speaker has been deposed for the first time in history.

The process rapidly accelerated Wednesday when Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-La.), McCarthy's second-in-command, officially announced a bid for speaker, as did Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), a longtime conservative gadfly. Other candidates could add their names to the mix in coming days, and the rush to fill the post underlined the persistent intraparty divisions that have plagued House Republicans.

Both Scalise and Jordan are deeply conservative. But Jordan has taken on a firebrand role — aggressively pursuing President Biden's son Hunter, for example,

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Scholars: Ouster is sign of a troubled democracy

Historians are seeing poor U.S. political health in unprecedented move

BY SARAH ELLISON

When the House of Representatives voted to oust Kevin McCarthy as speaker on Tuesday, it was the first such removal in American history, a vivid rebuke of his leadership and an escalation of the civil strife within the Republican Party.

But historians and political scientists say it is something more: a warning sign for the health of American democracy.

"If you want to know what it looks like when democracy is in trouble, this is what it looks like," said Daniel Ziblatt, professor of government at Harvard University. "It should set off alarm bells that something is not right."

The vote reflected the enormous power that a small group of representatives camped on their party's ideological fringe can wield over an entire institution, said Ziblatt, co-author of the book "Tyranny of the Minority." It also showcased how difficult it will be for anyone to corral the House in a way that's functional, with major decisions over the budget and Ukraine funding ahead.

Congress arrived at this point

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Kaiser health workers start multistate 3-day strike

BY JENNA PORTNOY, LAUREN KAORI GURLEY AND AARON GREGG

More than 75,000 Kaiser Permanente workers walked off the job Wednesday, launching a three-day strike with direct implications for patients who saw delayed appointments and some closed facilities across the heavily unionized health-care organization.

The work action, concentrated in California, Colorado, Oregon and Washington state, was billed by labor organizers as the largest health-care strike in U.S. history. Representatives of hundreds of medical support staff positions — from front-line licensed vocational nurses and respiratory therapists to dietary services workers and housekeepers — picketed from coast to coast, saying they are overworked and underappreciated. Many expressed frustration

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'Swatting' hoaxes prey on Americans' real fear of shootings

Police search for the voice behind a targeted campaign that has terrified students across the nation

BY JOANNA SLATER

SAGINAW TOWNSHIP, MICH. — Snow crunching under their feet, breaths coming quickly, the officers grabbed their duty rifles and ran toward Nouvel Catholic Central High School.

The code had gone out just two minutes earlier on Feb. 7: active shooting in progress.

They didn't hesitate. When they found that the double doors next to the parking lot were locked, one officer rammed them with his cruiser and smashed them open. Another stepped over the shattered glass and into a hallway lined with lockers. "Move, let's move, let's move!" he yelled, in moments captured on body camera.

Lt. James Rich was one of the officers at the scene. He remembers the rush of adrenaline and the strange silence inside the school. It felt like a puzzle whose pieces didn't fit.

Officers checked every room in the building. They found nothing except terrified children and

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SAGINAW TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

An image taken from video shows law enforcement responding to an active shooter call at Nouvel Catholic Central High School in Saginaw Township, Mich., on Feb. 7. The call turned out to be fake.

Ukraine aid's bipartisan support frays, poll finds

BY SCOTT CLEMENT, DAN BALZ AND EMILY GUSKIN

Nearly 20 months after Russia invaded Ukraine, bipartisan support for U.S. military assistance has frayed, according to a survey released Wednesday by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Most Americans still support sending additional arms and supplies to the Ukrainians, but more division exists over whether the investment has been worthwhile.

The findings come at a critical moment, as Ukraine, mired in a costly struggle to reclaim occupied territory, seeks further U.S. commitment with no end to the war in sight. President Biden has requested $13 billion in new military aid, but Republicans stripped the provision from the short-term spending bill approved Saturday hours ahead of a

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Biden's nominee to lead FAA eases through Senate hearing

Agency's former deputy administrator considered for long-vacant top job

BY IAN DUNCAN AND LORI ARATANI

President Biden's choice to lead the Federal Aviation Administration received a mostly warm welcome in a Senate committee Wednesday, raising the prospect of a speedy confirmation vote after the agency has gone 18 months without a confirmed leader.

Biden last month selected Michael Whitaker, a former deputy FAA administrator and United Airlines executive, to fill the agency's top job. Whitaker, who has been widely praised by industry leaders, has three decades of experience in aviation.

If confirmed, Whitaker would step into the agency at a difficult time. The year began with the failure of an FAA computer system that led to the first nationwide halt in air travel since the Sept. 11 attacks, amid a spate of near miss incidents involving airliners. The agency is also grappling with a shortage of air traffic controllers and is operating under a short-term extension of its authorizing law, set to expire at the end of the year.

Whitaker told the Senate Commerce Committee that his three-year stint at the agency is his most important qualification for the post, which would allow him to make an "immediate impact."

"My priority will be the safety of the flying public," he said. "They have put their trust in the FAA to keep aviation the safest way to travel, and the world has looked to us for decades as the gold standard."

Senators from both major parties emphasized the need for stable leadership at the agency. Whitaker was introduced by Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo.), chairman of the House Transportation Committee, who said consistency is key to ensuring safety.

"Unfortunately the only thing that has been consistent at the agency since the former admin. departed is the growing list of acting positions," Graves said.

Much of the hearing focused on rebuilding the FAA's reputation and improving safety after the crashes of two Boeing 737 Max jets that the agency had certified as safe; how to rebuild the agency's workforce; and ways to integrate aircraft such as electric air taxis, drones and supersonic jets into the aviation system.

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), the committee's chairwoman, said Whitaker would be stepping into the role at a time when the FAA needs to continue modernizing its technology and workforce while upholding safety.

After the hearing, Cantwell said Whitaker had performed well and garnered bipartisan support. She said she hopes to hold a committee vote on his nomination shortly after an Oct. 16 deadline for Whitaker to submit answers to lawmakers' written questions.

In a questionnaire submitted to the committee, Whitaker said the key to safety efforts would be ensuring the FAA has adequate staffing and demonstrates "constant diligence" in analyzing safety data to identify and mitigate threats.

Whitaker also pledged to use "all available means" to increase the number of air traffic controllers and other key safety and operational employees.

The shortage of controllers, which has dogged the agency for years and was exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic, has led to finger-pointing between airline executives and the FAA as the industry scrambled to meet pandemic-era demand for flights. This past summer, airlines reduced the number of flights out of New York-area airports because of a shortage of controllers to manage flight traffic — an initiative that will extend into 2024.

Sen. Ted Cruz (Tex.), the committee's top Republican, noted the FAA has been trying to boost its ranks of air traffic controllers since Whitaker helped lead the agency during the Barack Obama administration. Cruz said a major challenge is limited capacity at the FAA's training academy. He asked whether Whitaker would endorse the construction of a second school, as the committee has proposed.

"I certainly would," Whitaker said. "Looking at those choke points and understanding where the problems lie will be an early priority."

Steve Dickson, the last FAA administrator to be confirmed by the Senate, stepped down part way though his term in March 2022. He guided the agency through the relaunch of the 737 Max after the deadly crashes called the FAA's reputation into question.



MICHAEL REYNOLDS/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

Michael Whitaker at a Senate committee hearing Wednesday. President Biden's nominee to lead the FAA has three decades of aviation experience and is widely praised by industry leaders.

Biden initially nominated Denver International Airport chief executive Phillip Washington to the post, but the committee did not act on his nomination amid questions about his qualifications. After a hearing in March, when Republicans sought to highlight gaps in Washington's aviation knowledge, his nomination eventually was withdrawn.

Whitaker's path, in contrast, has been smoother, with lawmakers holding a hearing weeks after his nomination. Even aviation labor leaders who have voiced initial reservations about Whitaker's work in airline management said their concerns were dispelled amid conversations with him.

During the hearing, Sen. Peter Welch (D), who represents Whitaker's home state of Vermont, said, "I've been to hearings that have been a little rougher on the person in your chair than this one. I think it's a testament to your qualifications."

Whitaker learned to fly when he served at the FAA, a time when he was responsible for overseeing an overhaul of the air traffic control system known as NextGen. While that work is in its final stages, the agency continues to face pressure to update aging technology and computer systems. The failure in January of a system that delivers preflight bulletins to pilots — bringing air traffic to a halt — revealed the FAA's struggle to make progress.

Whitaker is chief operating officer at Supernal, a company working to build electric-powered aircraft. He earns $1.2 million in salary and bonus payments, according to his financial disclosure.

Start-ups and existing aviation firms are racing to develop the new class of aircraft, promising it will combine the benefits of planes and helicopters to whisk passengers quietly and cleanly across congested cities. Ensuring safety would be part of Whitaker's work at the FAA, although federal rules require he recuse himself for two years from decisions involving a former employer.

In his opening remarks, Whitaker noted how quickly aviation is changing, saying "flying taxis were still only in cartoons" a few years ago.

Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) said progress on adopting new aviation technology has moved at a "glacially slow pace," asking Whitaker how he would make advancements.

"Safety will always be the number one priority, but we can't use that as an excuse not to move more quickly," Whitaker said.

Whitaker's disclosure form highlights his career in aviation.

In an undated speech included in the file, he talked about the industry's record of turbulence. He said he joined Trans World Airlines as an attorney in 1991, before the airline filed its first bankruptcy.

Ten years earlier as a college student traveling through Europe, he said he became stranded at Heathrow Airport for a week after President Ronald Reagan fired air traffic controllers who had gone on strike.

He noted the industry faced fallout from the 2001 terrorist attacks, as well as budget battles in Congress a decade later.

"It has been a very rocky ride," he said. "There are no guarantees in this business. And like most of you here, I wouldn't trade a career in aviation for anything!"

Asked on disclosure forms whether he had been investigated, arrested, charged or held by any federal, state or other law enforcement authority, Whitaker disclosed that in 1979, he was stopped in Louisville for "doing doughnuts" in a parking lot. He paid a $10 fine.

Justices appear inclined to punt case on hotel accessibility

With case dropped, majority claims there's no controversy to decide

BY ANN E. MARIMOW

The Supreme Court seemed ready Wednesday to put off a decision about whether disability rights activists have legal grounds to sue hotels they have no intention of visiting, with a majority of justices suggesting it would be a waste of time to resolve a lawsuit that has been dropped.

"The case before us is dead as a door nail," Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. declared.

"This is like dead, dead, dead, in all the ways something can be dead," Justice Elena Kagan followed.

While the issue of who can sue over hotel accessibility is important, and probably will need to be decided at some point, Kagan said, "I guess it just doesn't seem like something that a court should be anxious to do" in these circumstances.

Before the justices was the case of Deborah Laufer, a Florida woman with multiple sclerosis, who filed more than 600 lawsuits against hotels she researched online. She accused the hotels of violating the Americans With Disabilities Act by failing to include accessibility information on reservation websites.

The court is being asked to decide whether disabled people may sue hotel owners to enforce the ADA when they do not intend to stay at the properties — and, more broadly, to what extent people are directly harmed when they experience discriminatory barriers or policies online. Justice Department rules implementing the ADA in 2010 require hotels to "identify and describe accessible features" in sufficient detail so that people who rely on service dogs or wheelchairs, for instance, can assess whether a hotel meets their needs.

Laufer's lawyers and disability rights advocates say her efforts as a tester are no different from the work of Black civil rights advocates who were allowed to sue when they showed up to inquire about renting apartments they did not intend to occupy and were turned away because of their race.

But lawyers for the owner of the small hotel in southern Maine that Laufer sued in 2020 told the court that she was not directly harmed by the online omission of information about whether the hotel was accessible because she did not plan to travel to the property and had no personal need for the information. Backed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations, the hotel owner warned that such lawsuits burden small businesses, clog the court system and undermine the government's power to enforce the law.

Laufer's case was complicated this summer after federal judges in Maryland issued an order suspending the law license of her former attorney in a separate case. After that disciplinary action, Laufer took the unusual step of dropping the complaint against Acheson Hotels and urging the Supreme Court to find there is no longer a pressing issue to resolve.

Julianna Acheson, the hotel owner at the time of the lawsuit, opposed the effort to drop the case, saying she wanted the justices to decide the issue of whether testers could file similar lawsuits in the future. But Acheson has since sold the hotel, and the new owners have posted the required ADA information on their website.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

The Justice Department urged the Supreme Court to find that the case, brought by a disability rights activist who said hotels lacking accessibility information were in violation of the ADA, is moot.

For that reason, the Justice Department urged the justices on Wednesday to find that the case is moot.

Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson joined other colleagues in suggesting that there was no longer a controversy to decide.

"So tell me why it's not moot?" Sotomayor asked Adam Unikowsky, the attorney representing Acheson.

Jackson told Unikowsky he was "asking us to take on extra work to end a case when we've all agreed it has to be ended."

"I think the court, with apologies, should take on extra work, your honor," Unikowsky responded, drawing laughter from the courtroom.

The court, he added, should resolve whether testers like Laufer have the right — or standing — to sue properties they do not plan to visit. He suggested the justices should have institutional concerns about the last-minute abandonment of a case.

Only Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. expressed repeated interest in having the court tackle the standing question at hand. He raised concerns about litigants manipulating the court system by ditching cases after the court has agreed to review them and about the hundreds of similar cases filed around the country.

If the court punts this one, "it doesn't stop any of the other dozens of people, however many there are, who are doing the same thing. So we may have to come up with another case . . . if it's not addressed," Roberts said. "How many times do we have to do this?"

Laufer's lawyer, Kelsi Corkran of Georgetown Law's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection, told Roberts that the unexpected developments in her client's case were highly unusual and not an attempt to manipulate the court. Laufer, she added, will no longer file such lawsuits.

Disability rights advocates say testers are needed to enforce the law because the ADA does not provide money damages, meaning there is little incentive to file a lawsuit among people who are intending to travel and experience discrimination while planning their trips.

They also note that if a person must have imminent travel plans to file a claim, any relief from a court would come long after their planned trip. Denying Laufer the right to sue, advocates say, could weaken ADA protections and make it more difficult to sue to enforce other civil rights laws.

Lower courts are divided. The U.S. District Court in Maine said Laufer lacked standing and dismissed her case. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit reversed and sided with Laufer, citing a 1982 Supreme Court decision that upheld the standing of a Black tester to bring a racial discrimination case under the Fair Housing Act after the tester was turned away when trying to rent an apartment she had no intention of renting.

When the Supreme Court justices did turn to the question of standing on Wednesday, many expressed reservations about whether to allow a person to sue after essentially clicking through a website without an intention to use the services. Several justices suggested there was a difference between Laufer's digital research and the experience of Black civil rights activists who sat at segregated lunch counters with no intention of eating.

"So tell me how she is discriminated against by the inaccuracies on this website?" Kagan asked.

Laufer's lawyer said in response that the case raises novel questions of how a person can experience discrimination on the internet, noting that ADA protections give disabled people the right to use a hotel's services in the same way as a non-disabled person. The injury, Corkran said, is not just the lack of required information, but the message it sends that disabled people are excluded.

"It's as if you went up to a reservation desk in a wheelchair and the hotel had a practice of just ignoring anyone in a wheelchair or telling them to call a number," Corkran said. "There is a dignity harm in being treated as invisible and not as a potential participant in the marketplace."

If the court were to decide to resolve the case, it could look to the middle-ground position taken by the U.S. government, which has an interest in the case because it involves how to enforce federal law. Erica L. Ross, assistant to the solicitor general, said the government supports the right of testers to bring lawsuits to enforce the ADA only if they have engaged with the hotel websites in a meaningful way that shows they are considering a reservation.

Justice Neil M. Gorsuch tried to tease out whether that approach was acceptable to Laufer, whose lawyer said she was mostly comfortable with the government's position.

The case is *Acheson Hotels v. Deborah Laufer*.

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Nanotechnology work earns a Nobel Prize in chemistry

Three scientists made strides in quantum dots used in TVs, medicine

BY MARK JOHNSON

The Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded Wednesday to three scientists for their fundamental discoveries in nanotechnology, particles once considered impossibly small to make, with applications in television screens and LED lamps and to instruments that allow doctors to see the vasculature of a tumor.

The prize was given to Moungi Bawendi of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Louis Brus of Columbia University and Alexei Ekimov of Nanocrystals Technology in New York. It stirred controversy because in a highly unusual development, the names of the winners were leaked in Swedish media four hours before they were made public.

The development of nanoparticles, a new class of materials in which changes in size also result in changes in all of the properties of particles, such as color, optical, electrical and even melting point, was first theorized in 1937.

So how small are the particles? Consider how much smaller a soccer ball is than the entire Earth. Quantum dots are that much smaller than the soccer ball. "For a long time, nobody thought you could make such a small particle," said Johan Aqvist, the chairman of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry.

But working independently in the early 1980s, first Ekimov and then Brus succeeded. As often happens with scientific discoveries, however, the breakthroughs used cumbersome methods to achieve results that were less than ideal (it was hard to control the size and quality of the particles), but another scientist discovered an elegant method that allowed for widespread use of the technology.

In 1993, Bawendi revolutionized the process, devising a way to create seed, or beginner particles that could then be carefully controlled using temperature. The method allowed him to stop the process to create particles of just the right size and quality. The size of the particles is reflected in their color, which follows a spectrum that starts with red for the smallest, then progressing to violet, orange, yellow and green as they grow bigger.



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Moungi Bawendi, Louis Brus and Alexei Ekimov won the 2023 prize for their work on particles once considered impossibly small to make.

The Nobel laureates continued the march of nanotechnology, which dates back more than 150 years to the work of the English scientist Michael Faraday, who created the first gold nanoparticles while mounting thin sheets of gold leaf onto microscope slides.

Although the science took decades to refine, the equipment involved is neither costly nor difficult to obtain. Students working in a good high school laboratory can reproduce experiments in nanoscience, said Rigoberto Advincula, a professor at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Tennessee. Advincula called the Nobel Committee decision a "really good pick" and "long overdue."

The possibility for the future is that the nanotechnology methods "can be used with artificial intelligence and machine learning to achieve even greater heights," Advincula added. The results could include faster ways to make a medical diagnosis or develop the prototypes for new sensors.

Inspired by the possibilities, the field of nanotechnology is growing rapidly. "There are many people working very intensely in this field to develop applications," said Olof Ramström, a member of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry and a professor of chemistry at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm.

"I am absolutely thrilled," said Judith Giordan, the president of the American Chemical Society, after hearing the prize announced Wednesday. "This is a terrific example of theorizing a phenomenon," producing it in the lab "and then taking it to the next level of manufacturing." Giordan said the most exciting applications would use nanotechnology to make better and more energy efficient solar cells, and to create probes that will allow doctors and scientists to view cancer cells.

In England, Gill Reid, president of the Royal Society of Chemistry, congratulated the three Nobel laureates in a statement: "Great science benefits from diverse viewpoints as part of a collective endeavour, and this year's prize is a great example of that — people working in different labs, in different countries, approaching a problem from different angles. We don't work in isolation in chemistry — teamwork is both a fundamentally important aspect of how science is actually done, and one of the most fun!"

Bawendi said he was in bed asleep when the Nobel Committee for Chemistry called to inform of the honor. "Don't be sorry," he said of the interruption. "Thank you so much." Bawendi declared himself "very surprised, sleepy, shocked" and "very honored."

Different paths led the three scientists to their Nobel win. Bawendi, born in Paris in 1961, spent his early childhood in France and Tunisia before emigrating with his family to the United States. He received a bachelor's degree from Harvard University in 1982 and a PhD from the University of Chicago in 1988. He joined the faculty at MIT in 1990, becoming a full professor in 1996. "He is a very methodical scientist," said Advincula, who listened to Bawendi speak at a conference almost a decade ago. "He was quite passionate in describing where the science was going."

Brus was born in Cleveland in 1943. He studied electronic structure as a student and earned a bachelor's degree from Rice University in 1965 and a PhD from Columbia University in 1969. After his doctoral program, he served at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory until 1973, when he left to join AT&T Bell Laboratories, where he did the work that would lead to his early discoveries in nanotechnology.

Ekimov was born in the former Soviet Union in 1945 and graduated from the Faculty of Physics at Leningrad State University in 1967. He made some of his key discoveries while at Vavilov State Optical Institute in St. Petersburg, a research institute that specializes in optics. He has been living in the United States for more than 20 years.

It is not clear what caused the leak of the Nobel laureate names, which is normally a tightly guarded secret. Hans Ellegren, secretary general of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, said "there was a press release sent out for unknown reasons" that is under investigation. "We deeply regret what happened," he said.

While they are rare, Nobel leaks are not unprecedented. In 2018, a Swedish newspaper reported that the husband of a member of the Royal Swedish Academy had repeatedly violated the secrecy rule by leaking the names of winners including Bob Dylan, the winner of the 2016 prize in literature. The Nobel Prize, which includes an award of about $1 million, is given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Frances Stead Sellers contributed to this report.

Ohio's DeWine, elected education leaders battle for control of department

State board members sued after new law gave governor total control

BY MORIAH BALINGIT

Gov. Mike DeWine (R) and Ohio's elected education board members are battling over who is in charge of the state's education department — and whether that department exists at all.

In July, DeWine signed into law a bill that would strip the State Board of Education of most of its authority, including its charge to run the Ohio Education Department. It creates a new state agency — the Department of Education and Workforce — that would replace the education department and report to the governor, not the board.

The bill also would also make all of the board's 19 members governor's appointees instead of allowing voters to elect 11 of them. The GOP fought for the changes after three candidates aligned with the teacher's union were elected to the board, displacing conservative members.

Last month, some board members sued to halt the law. They won a temporary restraining order, which was extended this week as the judge asked for more information from both sides while she decides whether to completely halt the law for the duration of the lawsuit. Additional briefs are due Oct. 16, and the restraining order has been extended to Oct. 20.

But the law was due to take effect Tuesday at midnight. DeWine said the order did not stop his administration from disbanding the old education department. Rather than leave the state without an one, DeWine said it was imperative to create the new department — the Department of Education and Workforce — immediately. He launched the new agency Wednesday.

"This injunction is not helping our kids," DeWine said. "We have things to do. We want every child to be able to read. We want every child to live up to their God-given potential."

Now it's unclear which body is in charge of overseeing the education department as it shapes curriculums, selects textbooks and performs a variety of other essential tasks, like facilitating school funding and approving private school voucher applications.

The move comes as GOP leaders in other states are challenging the control of locally elected leaders. In Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott (R) ordered a state takeover of the Houston Independent School District, the largest school system in the state, allowing the Texas Education Agency to appoint school board members. Oklahoma's right-leaning state superintendent of schools, Ryan Walters, sought to take over Tulsa Public Schools, undermining the locally elected school board.

These battles have become more fraught as Republicans have sought to limit the rights of transgender students, restrict school library books, limit the discussion of race and push to integrate more religion into classrooms.

The latest moves in Ohio are part of that trend, said Skye Perryman, the head of Democracy Forward, an advocacy group leading the legal fight to maintain the current composition of the board. It will "undermine the ability of school districts or school boards to or elected leaders ... to exercise their judgment over public education," she said.

DeWine and other Republicans have defended the overhaul, pinning the failures of the state's schools on the fact that the board does not answer to the governor. In a news conference Monday, DeWine said that putting the state education department under his authority could streamline the implementation of state policies. He also criticized the state board for failing to select a permanent state superintendent.

"It's just a total lack of leadership," DeWine said.

State Sen. Bill Reineke (R), who sponsored the first effort to overhaul the board, blamed the state board for low test scores in some districts and high absenteeism across the state.

"Now more than ever, the post COVID-19 recovery demands accountability, guidance and access to professional resources for our educators and school boards at the local level around the state," Reineke wrote in a newspaper op-ed in December, when he sponsored a bill to return control of the state's education department to the governor. "Education is in crisis mode in Ohio."

Ohio voters have selected school board members since 1953, when they voted in a referendum to change the state's constitution. There have been a few unsuccessful attempts to undo the change.

The most recent one began last year, after voters elected three members to the board who were endorsed by Democrats. All three — Teresa Fedor, Tom Jackson and Katie Hofmann — were recruited and backed by the state's teachers union and defeated conservative candidates who had run on culture war issues. Democrats viewed it as a rebuke of the right-wing's education agenda.

A month before the new members were set to take their seats, Reineke put forward his bill to overhaul the state's education department, but it failed. The bill resurfaced again and passed the state Senate in March, but it languished in committee in the Statehouse. Finally, backers of the legislation at the last minute added its language to an unrelated bill to fund the government. The budget bill passed, along with came to be dubbed the Education Takeover Rider.

The plaintiffs in the case, which include seven members of the school board, say the way the bill was passed — as an unrelated rider to a budget bill — is unconstitutional, and that lawmakers did not follow proper procedures in implementing it. They also argue that stripping the board of its power and changing how its members are selected is unconstitutional.

The lawsuit argued that the governor wants to convert the board from an independent, democratically elected body into "an empty shell."

"For decades, parents in Ohio have gone to the voting booth to exercise their right to elect representatives empowered to advocate for them at the state level," the plaintiffs said in a joint statement when they filed the lawsuit last month. "We will not sit back and let stand such a brazen power-grab that flies in the face of Ohio residents who value local input and control over their children's education."

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Deputy Secretary Beaudreau leaving

The Interior Department's No. 2 is stepping down at month's end, leaving open a role in the Biden administration that oversees some of its most controversial decisions on oil, energy and conservation.

Tommy Beaudreau will leave after two years as deputy interior secretary, during which he oversaw the approval of the Willow Alaskan oil project and a deal to protect the Colorado River's water supply. An energy lawyer who spent part of his childhood in Alaska, Beaudreau became a point person on the administration's effort to overhaul mining rules, enhance conservation measures and speed up the build-out of renewable energy and transmission on federal lands.

He cited the need to have more time with his family after spending a total of 10 years at the agency during separate stints under the Obama and Biden administrations.

Beaudreau was nominated for the position after senators from fossil-fuel-rich states derailed the White House's first choice, Elizabeth Klein, now director of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. He was confirmed by the Senate in an 88-9 vote in June 2021, with wide bipartisan support.

— Timothy Puko

HAWAII

Company's insurance far short of claims filed

Hawaiian Electric is severely underinsured to pay victims of August's deadly Maui wildfire, as well as repair its own damaged infrastructure, raising questions over how the beleaguered utility could cover billions of dollars in mounting damage claims if it is found liable for starting the blaze.

In a filing to state regulators on Monday, the utility said it had $165 million in annual general liability insurance, which is what it would potentially use to help repay residents for their losses if it is determined that its equipment started the deadly Lahaina fire. As of now, that would barely cover a small fraction of the $5 billion in damage claims, according to the research firm Capstone, which continue to grow as residents and even Hawaiian Electric shareholders join the slew of lawsuits against the company.

Hawaiian Electric has said that its equipment was responsible for starting a fire on the morning of Aug. 8 before its lines were de-energized. It said that Maui County had declared that blaze "100% contained" and that the fire chief later called it "extinguished." The utility has said there were two fires and it is not at fault for the one that sparked that afternoon in the same area, ultimately devastating Lahaina. While the blaze is still under investigation, a fire department spokesperson and witnesses told The Post that the fire reignited amid high winds. Hawaiian Electric declined to comment Wednesday.

The 264-page filing provides the latest insights into how Hawaiian Electric approached wildfire risk before wind-fueled fires swept Maui, killing at least 97 people. Hawaiian Electric, which serves nearly all of Hawaii's 1.4 million residents, has looked to be careening toward insolvency.

— Brianna Sacks

NEBRASKA

Officiant shoots boy by mistake at wedding

Michael Gardner wanted to start his nephew's wedding with a bang.

His plan involved shooting a blank from a revolver into the air to signal to the roughly 200 people gathered on Saturday that the outdoor ceremony, which he was officiating, was about to begin. But when Gardner cocked back the hammer of the gun, it slipped, and the homemade blank that he had used, which was closed off with glue, fired from the Pietta 1860 snub-nose revolver that he had borrowed, he said.

As the bride was about to walk down the aisle, what was supposed to be a day of love in Denton, Neb., turned into one of unexpected panic: The wedding officiant accidentally shot his 12-year-old grandson in the shoulder.

Despite the shooting, Gardner finished officiating the wedding.

In an interview with The Washington Post on Wednesday, Gardner, 62, of Odessa, Tex., said he regretted using a homemade blank.

The boy's injuries aren't life-threatening, said Ben Houchin, chief deputy of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

Gardner has been charged with felony child abuse committed negligently and resulting in serious bodily injury. Gardner, a commissioner in Ector County, Tex., said he turned himself in on Monday and was released on a $10,000 bond. He said his next court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 3, and more charges are expected to be brought against him at that time.

— Timothy Bella

Republicans in House scramble to fill leadership position

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and refusing to cooperate with the Jan. 6 committee — while Scalise has held a more traditional position in the House GOP establishment, serving as Republican whip for eight years before becoming majority leader.

Those style differences could be crucial as the House GOP tries to regroup and decides how to present itself heading into the 2024 elections.

For now, the House remains unsettled — its leadership uncertain, its future unclear, its members angry — even as the latest government spending measure is set to expire Nov. 18, lining up another potential shutdown fight, and lawmakers disagree sharply over whether to continue sending aid to Ukraine.

Scalise sent a letter to colleagues Wednesday declaring his intention to run for the top job, saying he could unify the fractured party given his "proven track record of bringing together the diverse array of viewpoints within our Conference to build consensus where others thought it impossible." So did Jordan, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee and helped found the ultraconservative Freedom Caucus, attacking "far-left progressive policies" that he said "are destroying our communities."

Though Congress has adjourned until next week, many lawmakers stuck around Washington on Wednesday to hold meetings with those seeking the speakership and others looking to move up or into the Republican leadership ranks. Speaker Pro Tempore Patrick T. McHenry (N.C.), in an interim role, told the conference that Republicans would gather for a candidate forum Tuesday and then hold a vote for speaker during a meeting Wednesday.

If a consensus candidate emerges, which is still a big uncertainty among a conference that is divided and wounded after the McCarthy ouster, House members will head to the floor as early as Wednesday to begin the speakership election.

The House paralysis is affecting other branches of government, since no legislation or other measures can come to the floor. Addressing the turmoil, the president said the federal government has "a lot of work to do" to reach a spending agreement in a few weeks, but "more than anything, we need to change the poisonous atmosphere in Washington."

"We have strong disagreements, but we need to stop seeing each other as enemies. We need to talk to one another," Biden said.

Across the Capitol, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) weighed in, praising McCarthy and offering a rare comment on internal matters.

"I have no advice to give to House Republicans, except one: I hope whoever the next speaker is, gets rid of the 'motion to vacate,'" McConnell said. "I think it makes the speaker's job impossible, and the American people expect us to have a functioning government."



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Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), under consideration for speaker, is surrounded by reporters as he makes his way to a meeting at the Capitol.

"How do we get past the anger and anxiety we've had? How do we govern? What's the vision moving forward, and how are you going to change? How are you going to do business in a way that bridges these divides?"

Rep. Marcus J. Molinaro (N.Y.), on the GOP path forward

When McCarthy became speaker in January after a hard-fought battle, he agreed to a demand by Republican opponents that let any lawmaker offer a motion to vacate the speakership and remove him from the job. Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) introduced such a motion Tuesday, and eight Republicans joined all Democrats to make McCarthy the first speaker in history to lose his job that way.

Much of the rhetoric Wednesday by Scalise, Jordan and other potential speaker hopefuls, as well as their supporters, focused on unifying the Republican caucus. "I think the new speaker will have a tremendous opportunity to put this conference back together, earn the trust and move us back to where we should be," Rep. Keith Self (R-Tex.) said.

But whoever gets the job will still need to contend with the GOP hard-liners who have called for disruptive actions, including shutting down the government, rather than compromising with Democrats who control the Senate and the White House.

As Scalise and Jordan sought to build support for their leadership bids, other Republicans jockeyed for lower-ranking posts.

Majority Whip Tom Emmer (Minn.) is seeking to move up one spot to majority leader, while his deputy, Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (Pa.), hopes to take Emmer's job. Both are unopposed at the moment, but Rep. Elise Stefanik (N.Y.), who has the fourth-ranking spot in the GOP hierarchy, is considering a run against Emmer for majority leader, multiple people said.

Although Emmer is not a declared candidate for speaker, some of his colleagues think he is positioning himself in case there is insufficient support for Scalise or Jordan. Some of the GOP rebels who ousted McCarthy had approached Emmer about seeking the speakership even before they made their move against McCarthy, arguing that he has appeal and relationships across all factions of the conference.

Emmer is close with former Freedom Caucus chair Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), for example, and would probably get his backing as well as that of other lawmakers who supported the McCarthy ouster.

Emmer served two terms as the chair of the National Republican Campaign Committee, helping Republicans regain the House majority, though narrowly, and forming relationships that could be an asset if he seeks the speakership.

Many Republicans on Tuesday night started encouraging Scalise to run. Known as McCarthy's happy warrior, Scalise has remained loyal despite some tension between the two men, and many in the party see him as the logical successor to McCarthy. Scalise was seriously wounded in a shooting at a congressional baseball practice in June 2017, an incident that led to an outpouring of support from members of both parties.

Many right-leaning Republicans trust Scalise's conservative credentials and think he is a sincere member of the faction loyal to former president Donald Trump, a view they never held about McCarthy.

Yet Scalise could have downsides for various factions of the party. Far-right lawmakers may be unhappy that he has spent so many years in leadership, arguably making him part of the old guard. At the same time, having MAGA bona fides may cause problems for Scalise with GOP moderates who worry their viewpoints will not be considered.

Another concern for some Republicans is whether Scalise would face challenges given his recent diagnosis of blood cancer. The speakership can be a grueling job, and it comes with demands of constantly being on the road to fundraise for House Republicans. McCarthy excelled at fundraising and broke records.

Scalise's allies dismiss such worries. "Steve is a fighter and he's as feisty as can be," said Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-Tex.), who publicly backed Scalise soon after the McCarthy ouster.

Jordan has long been courted by the right wing of the conference to run for speaker, and some pushed him as an alternative to McCarthy when Republicans took over in January. He has strong relationships in the Freedom Caucus and is embraced by Trump's MAGA base nationwide. But those distinctions could prevent moderate Republicans from supporting his candidacy, especially among those who represent congressional districts won by Biden.

Still, Jordan has moderated his rebellious inclinations somewhat. He was a supporter of McCarthy and has worked comfortably within the Republican House hierarchy as chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

"He's a very popular conservative across the nation. And I think that that goes a long way to earning people's trust, not only in this conference, not only in the Congress, but across the nation," said Self, who indicated he is keeping his "powder dry" but noted his vote for Jordan as speaker earlier this year.

Rep. Kevin Hern (R-Okla.), who leads the largest faction of conservatives as chair of the Republican Study Committee, made a pitch to the Texas delegation during a lunch that he could serve in House GOP leadership, citing his business experience — he has operated 18 McDonald's franchises in addition to other ventures — as a key reason he could bring a fresh approach to the job.

Hern said some Republicans have asked him to consider running for speaker and that he is looking into it.

Several Republicans said Rep. Byron Donalds (R-Fla.), a second-term lawmaker and member of the Freedom Caucus, is watching how the intraparty battle plays out to determine whether he could make a pitch for a leadership role. He was seen in the Republicans' conference room Tuesday evening, checking in with the huddles that formed after McCarthy's announcement.

But the situation remains highly fluid. Rep. Chip Roy (R-Tex.) said he just wants someone who can pull everyone together and "go win," but he added that it would take members having the will to work together across their factions.

Rep. Marcus J. Molinaro (R-N.Y.), whom many Republicans have cited as an emerging leader among the moderates, said Republicans must choose someone who can guide them through the 2024 elections, not just a placeholder in the speaker's chair.

He added that the Republican conference faces questions that go beyond the speaker fight.

"How do we get past the anger and anxiety we've had? How do we govern?" Molinaro asked. "What's the vision moving forward, and how are you going to change? How are you going to do business in a way that bridges these divides?"

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House Republicans are sick of Gaetz, and they're not being quiet about it

BY JACOB BOGAGE

Rep. Matt Gaetz stood in an unfamiliar spot Tuesday as he pressed his case to boot Rep. Kevin McCarthy from the role of House speaker — the Democratic side of the chamber.

By the time Gaetz (R-Fla.) finally made good on his long-standing threats to force a vote to topple McCarthy (R-Calif.), his Republican colleagues were so fed up with him that they wouldn't let him debate from within their caucus, banishing him to the minority Democratic side of the room.

Gaetz's successful fight to remove McCarthy from the speakership has cost him in his own conference, lawmakers say. The GOP on Tuesday was considering expelling Gaetz from its caucus.

"I'd love to have him out of the conference," Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.) told reporters Tuesday. ". . . He shouldn't be in the Republican Party."

Rep. Michael Lawler (R-N.Y.) told reporters Wednesday that he thought Gaetz should be expelled from the party's conference but that he had not taken any actions to begin that process. Rep. Garret Graves (R-La.) said repercussions for Gaetz would be "pursued in the conference."

Within a House GOP that has in recent years devoured its own — ostracizing members who have spoken out against former president Donald Trump and the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol — so far only Gaetz seems to be at risk of formal dismissal.

Asked whether he was afraid of being exiled, Gaetz responded with the same brashness he brought to the House floor during the debate over McCarthy.

"If they want to expel me, let me know when they have the votes," he said Tuesday evening.

The GOP disdain for Gaetz, aside from the handful of hard-right Republicans who joined his motion to vacate the speakership, was clear all day Tuesday.

"You all know Matt Gaetz," McCarthy told reporters after he was ousted. "You know it was personal."

Graves assailed the Floridian on the House floor for soliciting campaign donations on the back of his motion to vacate the speakership. "It's what's disgusting about Washington," he said.

"That's not governing," McCarthy added. "That's not becoming of a member of Congress. . . . It was all about his ethics. But that's all right."

Rep. Mike Garcia (R-Calif.) referred to Gaetz as a "Republican running with scissors."

And Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-Wis.), seething on the House steps after the vote, said: "I will always put the best interests of the United States of America and my constituents above my own personal feelings. And clearly Matt Gaetz can't do that."

Gaetz was McCarthy's main obstacle to the speakership in January, leading a band of rebels who refused to vote for the longtime GOP minority leader for the first 13 rounds of roll calls. In the 14th round, Gaetz softened his stance, but only slightly. He voted "present," not a vote against McCarthy but also not in favor — and not enough to hand him the speaker's gavel.

McCarthy approached Gaetz on the floor, then walked away, appearing dejected. Meanwhile, Rep. Mike D. Rogers (R-Ala.) stormed over and lunged at Gaetz before being restrained by Rep.



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Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) at the Capitol on Tuesday. "You all know Matt Gaetz," Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) told reporters after the former speaker's Gaetz-led ouster. "You know it was personal."

Richard Hudson (R-N.C.). The Floridian sat unperturbed.

McCarthy was elected speaker after midnight in the 15th round of voting when Gaetz and other right-wing hard-liners voted "present," lowering the threshold McCarthy needed to win office.

But by then, McCarthy had struck deals with those hard-liners that hemmed him in. The most noteworthy concession: A single member could bring a "motion to vacate the chair," or call for a vote to remove the speaker.

Gaetz threatened to wield that power for months, then made clear on Sept. 12 that he would seek to depose McCarthy, when he said the speaker was "out of compliance" with the deal he struck in January.

Gaetz demanded McCarthy rectify those supposed breaches by instituting steep budget cuts during the September fight to fund the government and abandoning a spending deal McCarthy had made with President Biden in June. The president and speaker agreed to suspend the debt limit in exchange for limiting growth in federal discretionary spending. Conservatives quickly soured on that arrangement, which drew large numbers of Democratic votes on its passage.

Gaetz threatened to invoke the motion to vacate if McCarthy did not back away from that deal and instead pass 12 appropriations bills with draconian spending cuts. And if McCarthy made an end run around Gaetz and relied on Democratic votes to keep the government open, Gaetz would invoke the motion, too.

Over the weekend, that's exactly what happened: McCarthy pushed through a deal to extend government funding into November at current spending levels but without billions of dollars in aid for Ukraine that Biden wanted. Again, Democrats backed the measure, which the Senate also adopted just ahead of a deadline for a shutdown.

Gaetz was livid. And his GOP colleagues were furious, too — but with him. "I think there's some reason to doubt whether or not Matt Gaetz is serious," Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) told reporters on Tuesday. He called Gaetz's crusade a miscalculation that would undercut Republicans' narrow House majority.

"This was a vote for chaos," Bacon said. "I think it hurts our country, our Congress. Republicans will be weaker for this come next November. And I thought the behavior of these eight folks [who voted against McCarthy] was shameful."

After the vote, Gaetz said his party needed time to go through "the grieving process." First, he said, was denial, as GOP leadership hoped they could pry away votes to save McCarthy's gavel.

It wasn't clear that lawmakers were in denial of the outcome, but they did appear to be reeling. "Give me a minute, guys," Rep. Byron Donalds (R-Fla.) told reporters after the vote as colleagues offered him consolation drinks and cigars back at their offices. "Let me think through some things."

Gaetz and Rep. Tim Burchett (R-Tenn.) said they drew the ire of colleagues on their way out of the House chamber.

"I got cussed at and sneered at, and I get it," Burchett said. "I've been down this road before. I've handled bullies before in my life."

As the conference went into a closed-door meeting Tuesday to determine the GOP's next move, Gaetz said, members were "headed toward bargaining."

Trump stayed on sidelines as speaker's gavel slipped from McCarthy's grip

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Then-President Donald Trump speaks with House Minority Leader McCarthy in April 2020. Both men have used each other at times to gain support in different parts of the Republican coalition.

As Kevin McCarthy battled this week to keep the job he would eventually lose, one very powerful ally did not come to his rescue: Donald Trump.

For years, McCarthy (R-Calif.) prided himself on his close relationship with Trump, defending the former president through countless controversies and cajoling him to support the former speaker's own political priorities. He challenged Trump's 2020 election defeat and swallowed his objections to Trump's conduct in the lead-up to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. He navigated around some of the former president's congressional endorsements even when those candidates appeared destined for defeat. Within the past few months, he helped Trump's team secure coveted changes to the California GOP's primary rules. And in recent weeks, he had all but endorsed Trump's nomination for the 2024 presidential race, an unusual move for a top congressional leader this early in a contested primary season.

But as McCarthy's speakership teetered on the brink Tuesday, Trump stayed resolutely on the sidelines as his acolyte, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), engineered a vote that ultimately ejected McCarthy from his leadership post. Trump's biggest contribution to the debate came in the form of a mildly worded social media post that simply asked: "Why is it that Republicans are always fighting among themselves, why aren't they fighting the Radical Left Democrats who are destroying our country?"

McCarthy's ouster capped a tumultuous tenure as speaker that ended less than nine months after it started. Trump's limited support for the man he famously called "my Kevin" on the eve of his inauguration encapsulated a relationship that has ebbed and flowed over the years. And it reflected the caution Trump typically exercises in contested situations where weighing in more forcefully — as he often does on a range of issues — carries political risks.

Yet, it's not clear that a Trump intervention into the House chaos would have saved McCarthy's gavel. Of the eight Republicans who voted against McCarthy, only three have endorsed Trump for 2024. Rep. Bob Good (R-Va.) has endorsed Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis; Rep. Ken Buck (R-Colo.) is a Trump critic; and Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.) defeated a Trump-backed primary challenger.

Now, Trump, the runaway polling leader in the Republican race, faces a new chapter of uncertainty on Capitol Hill. People familiar with their dynamic said the two men worked well together in private, with an understanding of the transactional advantages that each brought to the table. Yet, that relationship also contributed to the ill will Democrats had toward McCarthy: On Tuesday, not a single one voted to help save him from the ire of a breakaway group of hard-right House members.

On Tuesday night, Trump's campaign did not comment on McCarthy's defeat and instead pointed to his social media post. One person close to Trump, who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to comment candidly, suggested that the outcome might have been different if McCarthy had endorsed Trump early on in the former president's quest for the 2024 nomination.

Trump signaled over the weekend that he would not weigh in directly on the contentious Capitol Hill showdown. During a campaign stop in Iowa on Sunday, he said he had "always had a great relationship" with McCarthy. "He said very nice things about me and the job I've done, so I appreciate that," Trump added.

After McCarthy was removed in the historic vote, Gaetz suggested that Trump was on his side: "I would say that my conversations with the former president leave me with great confidence that I'm doing the right thing." McCarthy disputed that notion in a news conference. "I doubt if that's true," McCarthy said when asked about Gaetz's assertion.

Gaetz told reporters Monday that he had spoken to Trump but did not disclose the details of their conversation. One Trump ally said the former president was upset about efforts by some House Republicans seeking to expel Gaetz from the GOP conference.

Trump also was angered by some of McCarthy's comments. In a June interview with CNBC, McCarthy suggested that his support for his old governing partner was in doubt. "Is he the strongest to win the election? I don't know that answer," McCarthy said then, before speaking with Trump and telling a conservative website that Trump was "stronger today than he was in 2016."

But McCarthy had been moving closer to Trump as the former speaker faced a showdown with hard-liners in his conference who are political followers of the former president. When the fight over a government shutdown was growing last month, he made a point of attacking Trump's principal rival for the GOP nomination.

"President Trump is beating Biden right now in the polls. He's stronger than he has ever been in this process," McCarthy said on Fox News's "Sunday Morning Futures" in September. "And, look, I served with Ron DeSantis. He's not at the same level as President Trump by any shape or form. He would not have gotten elected [governor] without President Trump's endorsement."

Those comments did not go unnoticed by Trump, one person familiar with the relationship said.

McCarthy had often played interpreter and pitchman for Trump among more skeptical elements of his party while at the same time portraying himself as someone who influenced the president at critical moments. Both men have used each other at times to gain support in different parts of the Republican coalition. McCarthy also had found himself walking a tightrope, as when he supported the reelection of House members who had supported Trump's impeachment after Jan. 6, 2021.

"I stay close to him. We have a good relationship. But he and his team don't have a veto power on what we do," McCarthy would tell donors during the midterm campaign season.

Trump meanwhile had sought advice from McCarthy, relying heavily at times on the Californian's counsel when it came to legislative maneuvering and congressional endorsements.

"McCarthy was the majority leader when President Trump was in office," said Rep. Wesley Hunt (R-Tex.) — who has endorsed Trump — before the ouster vote. "They clearly built a relationship and built a rapport."

A second person familiar with the relationship acknowledged its ups and downs but said it had proved resilient, even if the men did not always align philosophically or personally.

McCarthy was the first member of House GOP leadership to endorse Trump for president after it was clear the New York businessman would be the GOP nominee for 2016, becoming a Trump delegate at that year's party convention. Weeks later, McCarthy was captured in a private audio recording saying that he believed Russian President Vladimir Putin was paying then-candidate Trump. "Swear to God," McCarthy said. McCarthy aides said he had been joking.

Under then-Speaker Paul D. Ryan, McCarthy continued to play the role of the House leadership's main contact with Trump, repeatedly traveling with the former president and later dialing in to Oval Office meetings. On noticing on an Air Force One flight that Trump ate only red and pink Starburst candies, McCarthy sent a jar of only those colors as a gift to the president.

After becoming minority leader in early 2019, McCarthy made courting Trump a top priority, persuading him to endorse every GOP incumbent in the House. Trump recorded more than 50 telephone rallies and endorsements for House GOP candidates. He and McCarthy attended a 2019 UFC fight together in New York.

Their relationship reached a low after Trump failed to tell his supporters to stop attacking the U.S. Capitol for hours on Jan. 6, 2021. McCarthy later said Trump bore responsibility for the attack and should be censured, but not impeached, infuriating the former president. Weeks later, Trump persuaded McCarthy to visit him at his Mar-a-Lago resort and then posed for a picture with him, the first major step in Trump's regaining his stature among party leaders in Washington.

During McCarthy's speakership fight in January, one of the people familiar with the relationship said that Trump initially made calls to holdouts without being asked directly by McCarthy to do so. Trump later took credit for assisting McCarthy with clinching the gavel, saying on social media: "The Fake News Media was, believe it or not, very gracious in their reporting that I greatly helped Kevin McCarthy attain the position of Speaker of the House."

The two men also have traded top staffers. Brian Jack, a former White House director of political affairs for Trump, became one of McCarthy's top political advisers during the 2022 midterms, before returning to Trump's orbit as a senior adviser on Trump's current presidential campaign.

During the 2022 midterms, Jack, as an employee of McCarthy's, prepared polling and research on House districts, which have been part of ongoing discussions informed by data with candidates and campaign committees about where Trump should go and when, according to a close Trump adviser.

Yet, it was Gaetz who took a victory lap Tuesday evening. During an appearance on Fox News, Gaetz continued to taunt McCarthy as he highlighted the strength of his own relationship with Trump. "You know who you won't see on the campaign trail at a big [Trump] rally? Kevin McCarthy," Gaetz said on the "Ingraham Angle," a Fox News show. "Because, if Kevin McCarthy took the stage at a Trump rally, he would be booed off of it like [Senator] Lindsey Graham."

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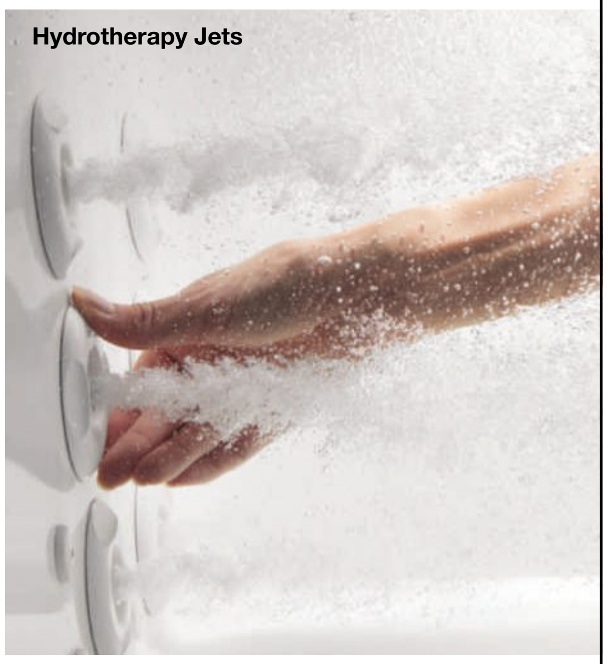
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THE TAKE

Nine months into their reign as the majority party in the House, Republicans have brought the legislative body to a halt and themselves to an inflection point. By ousting Rep. Kevin McCarthy (Calif.) as speaker and exposing anew the destructive tendencies of their most extreme members, Republicans now risk being returned to minority status by voters in next year's election.

From the day they were all sworn in this January, their grip on power was tenuous, far more so than almost anyone was predicting a year ago when talk of a red-wave election was in vogue. They did win the majority in the 2022 midterm elections, but by the narrowest of margins in a surprising under-performance. To succeed as legislators, they needed cohesion, discipline and leadership. Instead, they produced chaos under a speaker who was so weakened after getting the job that he could not lead effectively.

One other factor has brought the House Republicans to this point. That is the person and example of Donald Trump, the former president. Trump put governing by chaos on steroids (if one can call what he did governing) and in doing so produced a group of Mini-Mes, symbolized most by the politician who brought down McCarthy on Tuesday, Rep. Matt Gaetz (Fla.). This is the kind of leadership the party now offers the country.

On Monday night, a photo was posted on X, formerly Twitter, of Gaetz on the steps of the Capitol surrounded by an enormous scrum of reporters and cameras. As someone noted, this was what the Florida Republican always dreamed up, the brightest of spotlights. He embodied the worst of performative politics, which have come to typify this era. The rewards — fame, television time and adulation of the base — now go to those who shout the loudest rather than those who do the most good for the country.

McCarthy was not the first recent speaker to find his leadership hectored by a rebellious faction on the right. Two of his predecessors, former speakers John A. Boehner (Ohio) and Paul D. Ryan (Wis.), eventually departed in disgust. McCarthy was tossed out — the first speaker ever to suffer that humiliation after the shortest tenure in history.



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Capitol Police officers stand outside the speaker's office after the House voted to remove Rep. Kevin McCarthy from the speakership.

Nor is he the first Republican speaker in recent times to fall in the wake of missteps. Newt Gingrich (Ga.) quit the post after his party suffered a defeat in the 1998 midterm election during an impeachment proceeding against President Bill Clinton that lacked public support.

The arrival of the tea party class after the big 2010 victory signaled a change in attitude among elected Republicans. They were members who were elected with the express purpose of gumming up the gears of government. They came to stop things from happening, not to make them happen.

Back then, McCarthy was one of a trio of "young guns," youthful rising stars among House Republicans. Ryan was another and a third was former representative Eric Cantor (Va.). Now all three have been felled, Cantor in a 2014 primary election that caught him by surprise and Ryan after growing weary from fights with Trump and hard-right rebels.

Of the three, McCarthy's defeat was the most ignominious. Ahead of Tuesday's floor vote that brought him down, McCarthy had vowed to keep fighting. After the vote, rather than face another humiliation by trying to regain his post, McCarthy announced he would step aside, leaving the Republican conference in even more disarray, with no consensus successor in sight and business in the House now ground to a halt for a week as Republicans try to regroup.

McCarthy learned no lessons from either President Biden or former speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.). During Biden's first two years in office, when Democrats had a slender majority in the House and no margin for error in the Senate, the president found ways to produce bipartisan support for legislation when possible and used party-line discipline when he could not corral Republican votes.

Like McCarthy, Pelosi governed with a small majority and faced internal divisions in her caucus. But she was the strongest speaker in modern times, and her ability to exercise power kept Democrats on a path forward. Biden and Pelosi suffered some setbacks, but both, with the experience gained over years in leadership positions, found ways to succeed.

Neither, however, faced quite what McCarthy confronted when, on the 15th ballot in January, he was elected to the post for which he had hungered for years. In his case, he lacked ballast — a politician for which power was the principal goal, rather than a vision and convictions about why he wanted that power.

Veteran Republicans watched Tuesday's events unfold with a sense of both déjà vu and disgust. For Gaetz and the other Republicans who assured McCarthy's ouster, this was a short-term victory. They struck the king and, for now, killed him. But they have no obvious second chapter.

It's not that some of their goals — reining in spending or tightening up the U.S.-Mexico border — are wholly without merit. Yet they are unwilling to acknowledge the obvious — that at a time when they control neither the White House nor the Senate, and have such a narrow majority in the House, they must cooperate with Democrats to get anything passed, and to do that they must accept less than they want.

That seems like Civics 101, but it's more than just the rebels in the House who resist that course. A recent Economist/YouGov poll showed that more rank-and-file Republicans say they want their representatives to stand on principle "no matter what" than say they would rather they compromise to get things done. That is a recipe for stalemate and disappointment, and so theatrics become attractive. Democrats, by 3-1, said they favor compromise to get things done.

McCarthy spent last week trying to pull his conference together to produce a spending bill that, even if doomed in the Senate, would have shown that Republicans could agree on something. When he suddenly shifted course on Saturday and moved a short-term spending bill through the House with the help of Democrats, a bill that was quickly approved by the Senate, he may have guaranteed his ouster. Good luck to whoever emerges as the next Republican speaker.

Rep. Bob Good (Va.), one of Gaetz's chief allies in the move to push McCarthy out, told CNN's Manu Raju on Tuesday evening that what happened that day was a "blow to the status quo." That's a mild way of describing what he and a few of his colleagues did.

The blow was far more to the status of the Republican Party. And what is the party today? It is a party whose leader for its presidential nomination sits in a New York courtroom, who faces four other trials for criminal indictments ahead, and who promises vengeance and retribution if elected in 2024. It is also a party with a tight group of rebels in the House who have shown that they can make turmoil the order of the day in Congress.

That doesn't mean Republicans will lose the election in 2024, given how closely divided the country remains politically. But nothing that happened on Tuesday can be seen as helpful in achieving that goal.

Scholars see worrying trend in removal of House speaker

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for myriad reasons, all of which build on one another, scholars say: Social media and cable news incentivized politicians to perform for the camera, not for their constituents. Aggressive gerrymandering created deeply partisan districts where representation is decided in primary contests, not general elections. Weakened political parties became captive to their loudest and most extreme members.

Taken together, those factors handed a small number of lawmakers the power to throw one of the three branches of government into disarray and, for now, paralysis.

The band of eight Republicans who rejected McCarthy, most of whom are members of the hard-right Freedom Caucus, were opposed by 216 of their fellow GOP representatives, all of whom voted to keep the speaker in place.

The rebels collectively represent just 1.8 percent of the country, all in safely Republican districts. But with Democrats voting in lockstep against a speaker who they said had repeatedly broken their trust, that was enough to secure McCarthy's defeat in a closely divided House.

Led by Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida, McCarthy's antagonists said they were voting to end runaway federal spending and protest government dysfunction.

"Washington must change," Gaetz insisted from the House floor.

Scholars said the actions of Gaetz and his allies have only deepened the dysfunction, leaving the House rudderless and with no clear path to effective leadership. Although a government shutdown was narrowly avoided over the weekend, another looms next month. Future assistance to Ukraine as it fends off a Russian invasion is also at stake.

"We are watching a very small number of folks from the House Republican conference have an outsize role in promoting a lot of congressional dysfunction and fiscal dysfunction," said Laura Blessing, a senior fellow at the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University. "This is a move for volatility and not a move to pass legislation."

The members who voted against McCarthy are in the extreme minority, not only within the House overall but within their own party, she added.

"They do not have the votes [for their own policy proposals], and they know that," she said.

By voting en masse against McCarthy, Democrats highlighted the dysfunction in the Republican Party, which they have pointed to as a reason the GOP should not be trusted again with the majority after next year's election. But Democrats also risked contributing to the broader dysfunction in the House.

Some McCarthy allies urged Democrats to do something unprecedented and save a speaker of the opposite party out of concern for the stability of the institution. Democrats rebuffed their appeal: In their eyes, McCarthy had spearheaded an illegitimate impeachment inquiry, tried to subvert the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, and acted in bad faith during budget negotiations. He wasn't worth saving.

McCarthy has not endorsed a would-be successor, leaving Republicans to scramble to find a viable candidate. Barring an unlikely and unprecedented consensus speaker who receives support from both parties, aspirants will need to earn the favor of nearly the entire Republican caucus, which ranges from relative moderates representing districts won by President Biden to the hard-right faction that just toppled one of its own.

Gaetz set off Tuesday's vote by moving on Monday to vacate McCarthy's speakership. The fourth-term Floridian said he was acting in response to McCarthy's decision over the weekend to turn to House Democrats for help in passing a 45-day stopgap spending bill that avoided, for now, a government shutdown. McCarthy had failed multiple times to win enough votes in his own party, with hard-right members — including the eight who voted against him Tuesday — blocking his efforts.

Tuesday's debate and the conversations that preceded it were unusual for the willingness of McCarthy allies to openly scold their own GOP counterparts for deepening the dysfunction in the chamber.

The 8 Republicans who ousted McCarthy represent a small minority of Americans

MEMBER	DISTRICT	DISTRICT LEAN	PCT. WHITE	PCT. BLACK	PCT. LATINO
Tim Burchett	TN-02	R+18	84%	5%	5%
Matt Rosendale	MT-02	R+16	82%	1%	5%
Ken Buck	CO-04	R+13	75%	2%	14%
Matt Gaetz	FL-01	R+19	70%	13%	7%
Bob Good	VA-05	R+7	69%	20%	4%
Nancy Mace	SC-01	R+7	69%	18%	8%
Andy Biggs	AZ-05	R+11	66%	3%	19%
Eli Crane	AZ-02	R+6	54%	2%	19%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Cook Political Report CLARA ENCE MORSE/THE WASHINGTON POST

Many lobbed allegations of the sort normally reserved for members of the opposite party, accusing McCarthy's opponents of seeking attention, aiming to boost their fundraising and generally wreaking havoc.

"My colleagues here today have a choice: be a chaos agent or get back to work," said Rep. Ashley Hinson of Iowa, a McCarthy ally, ahead of the vote.

After he was deposed, McCarthy himself voiced fears about how to legislate in an environment where the leader is captive to his own side's most intransigent faction.

"My fear is the institution fell today because you can't do the job if . . . you have 94 percent or 96 percent of your entire conference, but eight people can partner with the whole other side," he said Tuesday evening. "How do you govern?"

It is a question that scholars are posing as well, seeking explanations and historical antecedents.

"If American democracy is already suffering and weak from various maladies, this unruly crisis in the House is just going to kick it a little further in that direction," said Alex Keyssar, a professor of history and social policy at the Harvard Kennedy School.

"You are taking a set of institutions and you are weakening them and then pointing to their weakness."

The eight Republicans who revolted against McCarthy represent districts that do not look like the rest of the country, according to a Washington Post analysis. They are, on average, 71 percent White, compared with 59 percent of the U.S. population, and 8 percent Black, compared with 14 percent of America. Their districts are also deeply red: They averaged a score of +12 Republican on the Cook Partisan Voting Index, a measure of a district's partisanship.

As unprecedented as Tuesday's vote was, this moment is a continuation of a trend in American political culture, said Joseph Postell, a political scientist at Hillsdale College in Michigan. He pointed to the troubled tenures of previous Republican speakers of the House such as John A. Boehner and Paul D. Ryan, both of whom struggled with stiff resistance from their right flank.

"What McCarthy faced today is another domino in the many dominoes that have fallen over the last decade or so," Postell said.

The House Republicans who objected to the budget and to McCarthy's speakership may have had legitimate concerns about spending and deficits, Postell said. But "now they are no longer incentivized to bargain with one another," he said. "They are incentivized to remain in conflict."

He attributed those incentives in part to televised committee hearings that make legislators into budding social media stars. Congressional committees "are no longer venues for Congress to have dialogue with administrative agencies. They are there to get viral memes," he said.

McCarthy told reporters Tuesday night that he believed Gaetz's motive was "all was about getting attention from [the media]." The speaker's allies had earlier scolded Gaetz for fundraising off his effort to oust McCarthy even as the speaker's fate was still being decided.

To some conservative thinkers, the failed vote to pass a spending bill that immediately preceded McCarthy's ouster reflects a government that has grown so big it is imperiling the country's health. The budget "is just too big for any democracy," said David Ditch, senior policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation.

"America is much larger in terms of population and geography than England or Japan or Germany, and we have more ideological and cultural diversity, which makes it harder for us to have consensus to agree on policy prescriptions," he said.

Political backlash against the rise of a multicultural democracy has stoked the country's divisions, academics agree. So has the tendency for people to sort themselves into urban and rural divides, as well as the way congressional districts are organized by partisan state legislatures — many of which are controlled by Republicans.

But that's not to say the parties are ultimately in charge.

"The one big thing everybody tends to get wrong is most people look at the parties and they think the parties are very strong and polarized," said Ian Shapiro, a professor of political science at Yale University. But the parties themselves have grown weaker, he argues, because they are controlled by those on the fringes.

The potential for primary challenges has long existed, but what is new is the steady rise of congressional districts that are reliably Republican or Democratic. Such districts choose their representatives during primary elections, with the general election little more than an afterthought.

"The activists on the fringes of the parties are the people who turn out in primaries, so those are the people deciding those elections," said Shapiro, co-author of "Responsible Parties: Saving Democracy From Itself."

Other democracy advocates say the loss of faith in the government itself has created a vicious cycle, one in which some elected representatives appear determined to prove that the government doesn't work by actively undermining it.

"We can and should have vigorous debates about spending priorities and national debt," said Mark Medish, co-founder of Keep Our Republic, a nonpartisan civic education organization. "But if we are inclined to repeatedly call into question the functioning of the state, we are on the road to unraveling as a republic."

As disconcerting as the events of the past few weeks have been, more worrying is what might come next. History has shown that government dysfunction can be a prelude to the erasure of democracy altogether, with authoritarianism rising in its place, said Harvard's Ziblatt.

"What precedes a democratic breakdown is political stalemate and extreme dysfunction where there's a sense that nothing can get done," Ziblatt said.

"When governments can't respond in genuine crises, it has a delegitimizing effect, and it reinforces the sense among citizens that we have to resort to other means."

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Study: Over 80% of four-star military retirees work in defense industry

BY MISSY RYAN

More than 80 percent of four-star officers retiring from the U.S. armed forces go on to work in the defense industry, a new study has found, underscoring the close relationship between top U.S. brass and government-contracted companies that has drawn scrutiny on Capitol Hill.

Twenty-six of 32 four-star admirals and generals who retired from June 2018 to July 2023 were later employed in roles including executive, adviser, board member or lobbyist for companies with significant defense business, according to the analysis from the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, a think tank that advocates restraining the military's role in U.S. foreign policy.

"The revolving door between the U.S. government and the arms industry, which involves hundreds of senior Pentagon officials and military officers every year, generates the appearance — and in some cases the reality — of conflicts of interest in the making of defense policy and in the shaping of the size and composition of the Pentagon budget," authors William Hartung and Dillon Fisher wrote in the report, a copy of which was obtained by The Washington Post before its publication.

The analysis includes former officers employed by consulting firms with clients in the defense industry and financial firms with significant investments in that sector. Many of the employers cited in the report also have nondefense business interests.

The findings shed new light on a phenomenon examined in a 2021 report from the Government Accountability Office, which found that 14 major defense contractors, mostly weapons companies, employed 1,700 former senior officials or acquisition officials in 2019.

The GAO concluded that while defense contractors benefit from the practice, it could "affect public confidence in the government" by creating a perception that military officials may favor a company they see as a future employer.

A separate pattern was documented in a 2022 Washington Post investigation that explored the lucrative business deals hundreds of former military officers have conducted with foreign governments.

While former Pentagon officials face some restrictions on post-government employment, they are not prohibited from working for weapons or defense companies.

The Quincy Institute's findings come as some in Congress seek to impose additional constraints, including a longer cooling-off period before senior officials can be employed by certain contractors and tighter rules for employment by foreign governments.

A report this year issued by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) showed that, last year, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics and Raytheon were among the companies that employed lobbyists who once served as senior military officials, lawmakers or congressional staffers. Warren has argued that such relationships warrant closer scrutiny because of the scale of the Pentagon's business with defense companies: The Defense Department accounted for some 60 percent of all federal government contracts in 2021, according to Warren's report.

A Senate proposal from Warren, along with a parallel House bill from Rep. Andy Kim (D-N.J.), would prohibit former top officials from working for big defense companies within the first four years after they leave the military and ban sitting officials from holding stock in companies that receive more than $100 million in Pentagon contracts.

Warren, in a statement to The Post this week, said that some officials, including Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, had made public pledges not to work for the defense industry after leaving the Pentagon. "The revolving door between the Pentagon and the defense industry severely undermines public confidence and our national security," she said.

The Quincy Institute found that patterns of post-government employment for four-star officers have evolved over time, in that retirees are often now employed with start-ups or companies that finance arms manufacturers in addition to traditional large defense contractors.

Former four-stars cited in the report include Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., who became a Lockheed Martin board member after stepping down as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, who became a senior adviser at SpaceX — which launches military satellites as part of its business — after retiring from his post leading the U.S. Northern Command.

The report's authors make their own recommendations, including a full ban on former four-stars' employment with companies that receive $1 billion a year or more in Pentagon contracts; the expansion of required disclosures by companies that hire former officials; and expanding the definition of what activities qualify as lobbying.

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Has Ukraine aid been worth the cost? GOP, Democrats part ways.

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possible government shutdown.

The issue will remain one of the central debates in Washington as existing funds run out and lawmakers must decide whether to approve additional assistance amid growing opposition among Republicans. In Congress, most GOP leaders have expressed support for continuing to help Ukraine, but the latest survey data underscores the degree to which the party's rank-and-file have either soured on or begun to question the mounting expense.

Overall, the Chicago Council poll found that 63 percent of U.S. adults support providing additional arms and military supplies to the Ukrainian government. That is comparable to 65 percent last November but down from 72 percent in July 2022.

Among Republicans, support stands at 50 percent, a drop of 18 percentage points since July 2022 and 30 points since the opening weeks of Russia's full-scale invasion. Democratic support stands at 77 percent, barely changed from 79 percent in the summer of 2022. Among independents, support has fallen eight points, to 60 percent.

The survey was conducted in mid-September, before Ukraine's leader, Volodymyr Zelensky, traveled to the United States to press his country's case at the United Nations and on Capitol Hill, where he faced GOP questions about how open-ended the conflict could become.

The Chicago Council poll found that 53 percent of Americans overall believe the infusion of U.S. weapons, equipment and training — totaling $43.9 billion since last year's invasion, according to the Pentagon — has been worth the cost, compared with 45 percent who said it has not. Nearly 7 in 10 Democrats said the support has been worthwhile, while about 6 in 10 Republicans said it has not. Independents were divided about evenly on this question.

Americans are skeptical of the argument advanced by the Biden administration and others that supporting Ukraine militarily will deter aggression by other nations. The poll found 40 percent who said America's backing of Ukraine would make powerful countries less likely to try to take over weaker countries elsewhere, while 20 percent thought such aggression will become more likely and 40 percent said U.S. assistance won't make a difference.

Americans continue to express support for the NATO alliance, which has been strengthened as a result of the Ukraine war. About 3 in 4 (77 percent) said the United States should maintain or increase its commitment to NATO. That has ticked down from 81 percent in 2022 but is consistent with levels recorded over the past decade. Roughly 9 in 10 Democrats, along with about 7 in 10 independents and Republicans, support maintaining or increasing NATO commitments.

The poll tested opinions on two hypotheticals involving the NATO alliance: A Russian invasion of Germany and a Russian invasion of an ally like Latvia or Lithuania. The poll found 64 percent saying they would favor sending U.S. troops if Russia were to invade "a NATO ally like Germany," while 57 percent said the same if Russia were to invade "a NATO ally like Latvia, Lithuania, or Estonia."

Democrats are roughly equal in their support of defending Germany and Baltic allies, while Republicans are much more supportive of defending a country like Germany (64 percent) than one like Latvia, Lithuania or Estonia (48 percent).

Beyond partisan division on some of these questions, there is also a sharp split in support for Ukraine based on education. The Chicago Council poll found that 75 percent of college graduates support sending additional arms and military supplies to Ukraine, compared with 60 percent of those with some college education and 53 percent of those with high school degrees or less formal education. While 64 percent of college graduates said U.S. military aid has been worth the costs, that dropped to 49 percent for those with some college and 44 percent of those with a high school diploma or less.

Apart from the Chicago Council poll, between 34 percent and 41 percent of Americans said in recent Post-ABC, Quinnipiac University and Fox News polls that the United States was providing too much assistance to Ukraine. These surveys found majorities or pluralities saying it's the right amount or too little, though majorities of Republicans in recent polls said the United States was doing too much.

In absolute numbers, the United States has provided much more military and financial assistance than have other countries, though in terms of aid as a percentage of gross domestic product, smaller nations have done more.

Public opinion in the United States heavily favors mutual responsibility. Just 3 percent of adults in the Chicago Council poll said the United States has a greater responsibility than European countries have in helping Ukraine defend itself against Russia.

Overall, 66 percent said the United States and its European allies should be "equally responsible" for helping Ukraine and 30 percent said European countries should be more responsible. Among Republicans, 46 percent said European countries should be more responsible, while 52 percent said both should be equally responsible.

The Chicago Council poll found mixed support for aiding Ukraine indefinitely. One question found 49 percent agreeing that "The United States should urge Ukraine to settle for peace as soon as possible so that the costs aren't so great for American households, even if that means that Ukraine will lose some territory." A similar portion (47 percent) said the United States should support Ukraine as long as it takes, even if Americans have to pay higher gas and food prices as a result.

But a separate question that did not mention the sensitive issue of gas or food prices found greater support for long-term engagement. On that, 57 percent said, "The US should provide arms and military supplies to Ukraine until it reclaims all the territory that Russia has captured." Meanwhile, 39 percent said, "The US should encourage Ukraine to negotiate with Russia to end the conflict, even if it means allowing Russia to keep territory it has captured in Ukraine."

Most Americans, 55 percent, say neither Russia nor Ukraine has the advantage in the war, up from 46 percent last November. At that time, 26 percent said Ukraine had the advantage and an identical percentage said Russia had the advantage. Since then, perceptions of Ukraine's standing has slipped, with 29 percent saying Russia has the advantage and 14 percent giving the edge militarily to the Ukrainians.

Few expect a forthcoming end to the conflict, with 34 percent saying the fighting will go on for "over a year," another 34 percent saying it will last two to four years more and 15 percent saying it will last five years or more.

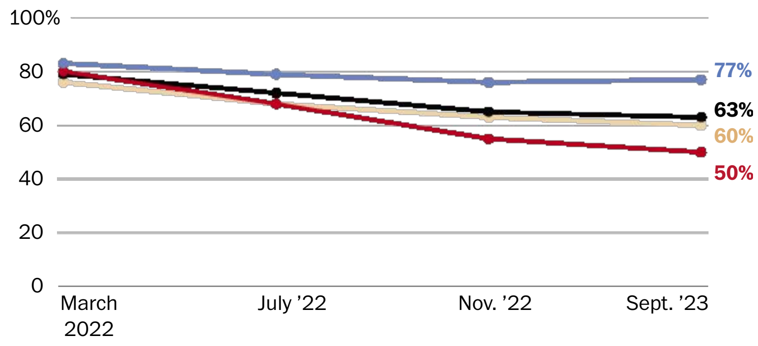
Zelensky continues to be popular in the United States, with 67 percent rating him favorably, down from 81 percent in March 2022. His ratings among Republicans have fallen 26 points over that period, but 55 percent continue to have a positive impression of him, as do 61 percent of independents and 84 percent of Democrats.

Americans are nearly united in blaming Russian President Vladimir Putin for the war, with about 9 in 10 Democrats, Republicans and independents saying he deserves "a great deal" or "a fair amount" of blame. Overall, about 3 in 10 blamed NATO and 3 in 10 blamed Zelensky while 1 in 4 blame the United States.

The Chicago Council survey was conducted online Sept. 7-18 among 3,242 adults nationwide. The sample was drawn through Ipsos's KnowledgePanel, an ongoing survey panel recruited through random sampling of U.S. households. The margin of sampling error for overall results is plus or minus two percentage points.

Support for military aid to Ukraine has fallen steadily among Republicans

Q: In response to the situation involving Russia and Ukraine, would you support or oppose the United States sending additional arms and military supplies to the Ukrainian government?



Republicans, Democrats differ on whether Ukraine military aid has been worth the cost

Q: The US has provided about $43 billion in weapons, equipment and training to Ukraine since Russia invaded the country last year, which is about 4 percent of the $1.77 trillion dollars included in the Department of Defense annual budget. Do you think US military support has been:

	OVERALL	REP	DEM	IND
Worth the cost	53%	38%	69%	51%
Not worth the cost	45	61	29	47

Source: Sept. 7-18, 2023, Chicago Council on Global Affairs survey of 3,242 U.S. adults with an error margin of +/- 2 percentage points. Error margins are larger among subgroups.

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Ukrainian service members carry a U.S.-made MK19 grenade launcher during a training exercise in September. A new poll found that 63 percent of U.S. adults support more military aid for Ukraine.



THE WORLD

Has the war changed Macron? Allies would love to know.

The French president has strongly backed Ukraine to join both NATO and the E.U. in recent months, but allies wonder if this change is for the long term

BY EMILY RAUHALA

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron is not particularly known for mea culpas. So, when he delivered a moderately repentant speech on Russia and Ukraine, ears perked up.

Since Russia invaded, Macron has drawn ire — and eye rolls — for clinging to the idea that Russian President Vladimir Putin could be talked down.

Now here he was, more than a year in, telling a crowd in Slovakia that Western Europe had failed to listen to the east on Russia and praising NATO, the alliance he once said was experiencing brain death.

When France then offered stronger-than-expected support for Ukraine's bid to join the military alliance, some started to wonder: Had the war changed Macron?

Allies are still wondering.

The question of where Macron and France stand on Ukraine will loom large this week as European leaders gather in Spain to discuss how to bring Ukraine and other countries closer in the months and years ahead.

France wants to be at the forefront of the conversation on European Union enlargement. It espouses strong support for Ukrainian membership in NATO. And it says it will stand with Ukraine "until victory."

The positions are surprising because France has often expressed ambivalence toward NATO and has previously blocked plans to bring more countries into the E.U. Some analysts have likened it to a "U-turn," or a French "zeitenwende," referring to Germany's major shift on defense spending after the invasion.

But many allies still wonder why it took so long for Macron to come around, or whether he will match word with deed — and weapons — as the war grinds on.

One senior European official said they won't be convinced until France steps up longer-term support. "Money always speaks to commitment quite well," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive ally dynamics.

"There's a question of whether it's been a change in tactic, not strategy," said Rym Momtaz, a Paris-based consultant research fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

"Tactics can open margins of maneuver," she continued. "But the question is how he will use this — nobody has the answer yet."

Leading a larger Europe

Macron has long aspired to lead Europe, but he missed the moment on Ukraine, leaving the push to toughen up the Western alliance to Poland and the Baltic nations.

In the run-up to the full-scale invasion and the early days of the war, he outraged allies by continuing to talk to Putin. Afterward, when it came to weapons and money, he ceded leadership to U.S. officials and even Britain's Boris Johnson.

French officials counter that France's response was strong from the beginning. They note, for instance, that France was quick to act after the invasion, deploying troops to Romania within days.

But some concede the president's messaging has been inconsistent. And few deny the war has changed his thinking.

Before February 2022, Macron was skeptical of adding members to the E.U., in part due to concerns about provoking Russia, said Marie Dumoulin, the director of the Wider Europe program at the European Council on Foreign Relations. That seems to have changed.

In June 2022, Macron visited Ukraine alongside German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Italy's Mario Draghi and others. After touring the sites of alleged Russian atrocities, they vowed to support Ukraine's E.U. candidacy.

In recent months, Macron has tried to position France as a leader on E.U. enlargement. French and German officials recently introduced a report, written by a team of experts, that explored how Europe might adapt to new members.

Macron now wants France to be "at the vanguard" on enlargement, said Mujtaba Rahman, managing director for Europe at the Eurasia Group, a political risk consulting firm.

Since the February 2022 invasion, Macron saw his ability to lead in Europe "constrained by the perception that France was not a good ally," Rahman said. The French president "realizes that this is going to a big, geostrategic change and that France could benefit, so he is making a shift."

Shaping a new security order

Macron has also repositioned himself on NATO. In his May speech in Bratislava, Slovakia, he walked back his brain-death remark — sort of — saying Putin had jolted NATO back to life.

Macron told the crowd that he, personally, had never been naive about Russia, but Western Europe had indeed failed to heed warnings from the east. He also acknowledged America's central role in providing materiel and intelligence to Ukraine.

His prescription: a stronger European role in defense — a longtime priority for Macron — and credible security assurances for Ukraine.

At the NATO summit in July, France offered strong support for Ukraine's bid to join the alliance, surprising some allies, and joined the pledge of the Group of Seven nations to offer longer-term security assurances. Macron also announced that France would deliver long-range SCALP missiles to Ukraine.

French officials do not see the changes as a U-turn, but an "acceleration" of a shift that was already underway. "There's a deeper trend, which was decided for strategic reasons, which has been accelerated by the war," said one official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to offer a candid view on French thinking.

A more hawkish position on Ukraine would be good news for Washington. "If France is a leader in driving Europe to spend more and do more, that is fully in line with what successive administrations have wanted to see," said Ian Lesser, the vice president of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

The apparent French pivot has indeed quieted some criticism from allies. But there's still a dearth of trust and lingering questions about the depth of this commitment, especially if the conflict continues its grinding descent into a lengthy war of attrition.

Pawel Zerka, an expert on both France and Poland at the European Council on Foreign Relations, said Macron's speech got positive coverage in the Polish press, but officials and experts remain wary.

Some wonder if, "he might be posturing as the biggest friend of Ukraine, while letting others become the bad guys," he said. When he describes changes in French thinking to Polish interlocutors, Zerka said, he hits "a wall of incredulity."

"The reason they are skeptical is that they wonder, 'If France changed its opinion so quickly, can it reverse?'" he said.

Waiting on 'concrete steps'

In the weeks and months ahead, allies will be watching to see what Macron delivers.

French officials said they are now fleshing out an agreement with Ukraine as part of the G-7 security pledge. That deal will be a "crucial indicator of whether France has overhauled its policy," said Momtaz, of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

She wondered if Macron had indeed changed his mind on NATO, or has simply decided that he should show Russia he has. "The jury needs to be out until we have proof, concrete steps," she said.

Joseph de Weck, the author of a German-language book on Macron, will be watching to see if these issues remain front and center for the French president.

"Macron's problem often in the past is that his foreign policy is inconsistent. He is tempted by tactical opportunities, but he hates making choices," he said.

For now, at least, the president understands "that this is the way history is going and that he should join the bandwagon and lead it."



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FROM TOP: French President Emmanuel Macron welcomes Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky upon his arrival for their meeting at Élysée Palace in Paris on May 14. Macron meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Feb. 7, 2022, for talks on Ukraine and NATO.

DIGEST

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Bodies of six babies found at cemetery

Authorities in the Dominican Republic said Wednesday that an investigation is underway after the bodies of six newborns were found discarded at the entrance of a cemetery in the capital, Santo Domingo.

The four female and two male babies still had hospital tags around their feet and wrists and there were no signs of violence, said medical examiner Angi Vicioso, who was at the scene.

She said the babies were born on different dates and that some were stillborn and others had died hours after they were born, according to an examination at the scene.

One body was found uncovered, and five others were inside a plastic bag, said Fausto Ortiz, security chief for the mayor's office of Santo Domingo Este.

Identity cards at the scene were linked to the neonatal unit of Juan Bosch City Hospital, authorities said.

Marilelda Reyes, the hospital's director, said the bodies of six newborns were delivered Tuesday to funeral home La Popular for proper burial. However, authorities have not confirmed whether those bodies are the same as the ones found Wednesday near the cemetery.

A man who answered the phone at the funeral home Wednesday identified himself only as Misael and declined to identify the owner of the company. He also declined to comment, saying only that an investigation was underway to determine whether what occurred was the responsibility of the funeral home or the caretakers of the cemetery.

— Associated Press

PAKISTAN

Pakistani army says Taliban killed two

A Taliban guard opened fire on civilians at a border crossing between Pakistan and Afghanistan, killing two people, including a 12-year-old boy, the Pakistani military said.

Another child was wounded in the shooting at the Chaman border crossing in Pakistan's Baluchistan province.

The military said in a statement that Pakistani troops "exercised extreme restraint" to avoid more casualties in the shooting.

The army did not say anything on the Afghan Taliban guard's possible motives for opening fire, and there was no immediate comment from Afghanistan's Taliban government.

Pakistan has asked Afghan Taliban authorities to investigate the "irresponsible and reckless act, apprehend and hand over the culprit to Pakistani authorities," the military also said.

On Tuesday, Pakistan announced a major crackdown on migrants who are in the country illegally.

— Associated Press

BRITAIN

Sunak proposes plan to stop youth smoking

Britain's government on Wednesday proposed banning younger generations from ever buying cigarettes, a move that would give the country some of the world's toughest smoking rules and hurt the sales of major tobacco firms.

If passed into law, the smoking age would rise by one year every year, potentially phasing out smoking among young people almost completely by 2040, a briefing paper said.

"A 14-year-old today will never legally be sold a cigarette," Prime Minister Rishi Sunak told the Conservative Party conference, where he announced the plan.

Smoking costs Britain's health services $20.6 billion a year, he said, adding that the government also needed to act on youth vaping.

The government would consult on restricting the flavors and descriptions of vapes and look at regulating vape packaging and presentation, according to the briefing paper.

Campaign group Action on Smoking and Health welcomed Sunak's plans, saying they could hasten the day when smoking was obsolete.

The tobacco industry criticized the proposals. The Tobacco Manufacturers Association said they were a "disproportionate attack" on adults' rights and would fuel black-market trade.

— Reuters

Police say suspect in Bangkok mall shooting used modified blank-firing handgun: The teenage boy who allegedly shot two people dead and wounded five others inside a major shopping mall in the center of Thailand's capital used a blank-firing handgun that had been modified to fire real bullets, police said Wednesday. The suspect was arrested less than an hour after the first gunshots Tuesday afternoon at the large upscale Siam Paragon mall in Bangkok. Video on social media showed a long-haired teenage boy in the custody of police. Thai media reported that the 14-year-old was a student at a Bangkok private school. Police Chief Torsak Sukvimol said he had a record of being treated for mental illness.

— From news services

Francis blames U.S., 'irresponsible' lifestyles in plea on climate

Pope says world's poor are paying price for West's high emissions

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA AND CHICO HARLAN

VATICAN CITY — Warning that "the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point," Pope Francis issued a renewed call for climate action Wednesday, singling out the United States for "irresponsible" Western excess and decrying the "weakness" of world leaders for failing to take bold steps.

Eight years after his landmark environmental encyclical, "Laudato Si'," in which he scolded climate change deniers and called for an "ecological conversion" among the faithful, Francis released a follow-up, known as an apostolic exhortation. Considered a lower-level document, it was far more concise — 12 pages, compared with his 180-page encyclical. Its impact, too, may be more limited.

Francis summarized accepted science and again took aim at skeptics who deny human-made climate change. He strayed beyond climate, couching artificial intelligence as representative of a worrying inclination to "increase human power beyond anything imaginable." In what reads much like a policy paper — apart from a smaller section of religious references toward the end — the "green pope" denounced the scale of emissions from high-consumption cultures and argued that the world's poor were paying the price.

"If we consider that emissions per individual in the United States are about two times greater than those of individuals living in China, and about seven times greater than the average of the poorest countries, we can state that a broad change in the irresponsible lifestyle connected with the Western model would have a significant long-term impact," the pope wrote.

While criticizing the United States, Francis also made a point to praise U.S. bishops for aptly expressing that "our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together" — though that quote from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops was just a paraphrasing of the pope's language in "Laudato Si'."



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Pope Francis walks among flowers in St. Peter's Square in 2019. Francis on Wednesday released an apostolic exhortation criticizing world leaders for failing to take sufficient action on climate change.

Francis's call in 2015 brought applause from climate advocates, who saw him as helping to build momentum for what would become the sweeping Paris accords to curb global emissions, adopted in December of that year. A Vatican delegation that attended the Paris negotiations was credited with helping to influence commitments from Poland and Catholic countries in Latin America.

In his new document, Francis noted how little world leaders have accomplished since then and blamed an absence of mechanisms to hold countries to their commitments, along with a "failure of conscience and responsibility."

Vatican City's own climate commitments do not stand out in their ambition. Like Italy and the European Union, it has pledged net-zero emissions by 2050. The Vatican also reports that it recycles most of its trash, makes compost for its gardens and has banned single-use plastics.

Francis devoted a section of the document to his expectations for this year's United Nations climate summit, or COP28, scheduled to start in late November. The annual conference — where countries lock heads over policy details and fight for incremental progress — has been a source of disillusionment for environmental activists. And this year's summit is hosted by the United Arab Emirates, a country with cutting-edge renewable projects that has grown rich by pumping oil and has one of the world's largest carbon footprints per capita.

Among the many fault lines, less-developed countries say they need dramatically more financial help in preparing for and coping with the consequences of a warmer climate — the result primarily of emissions from the world's wealthy countries.

"We must move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage needed to produce substantial changes," the pope wrote.

Francis — who took the name of the patron saint of ecology — stands out among popes in his push to make environmentalism a core part of the faith.

After making some unwelcome interventions related to the war in Ukraine, and amid the Catholic Church's continued failings on clerical abuse, he is returning to a theme on which he remains an authoritative voice. It is also one that is highly relevant to the younger generations with whom he has sought to connect.

Cardinal Michael Czerny, a senior Vatican official seen as close to Francis, said in an interview: "This . . . is not just for Catholics or other pious and holy people. It is for the world community."

He continued: "To the powerful, Pope Francis dares to repeat this question: 'Why do you want to preserve today a power that will be remembered for its inability to intervene when it was urgent and necessary to do so?'"

But Francis's positions on climate change no longer offer much surprise, and he may not have as captive an audience as he did earlier in his papacy.

"In the eight years [since the environmental encyclical], many things have happened outside and inside the church that have weakened its power," said Luis Badilla, editorial director for Il Sismografo, a Vatican-related blog. "The position on Russia. Ineffectiveness on pedophilia. . . . Francis's words now can feel like speaking in a desert."

In the new document, Francis focused on what he described as a broken multilateral system for global decision-making and avoided calling on Catholics to take specific steps to combat climate change.

Some observers suggest he has missed an opportunity. For instance, a study led by Cambridge University found that a call by Catholic bishops in England and Wales to reinstate the old practice of not eating meat on Fridays had a significant impact on behavior and saved the equivalent of 55,000 metric tons of carbon emissions over a year.

Catholic views are mixed on Francis's climate efforts. Some conservatives criticize the pope for his environmental focus, saying he is pushing the faith beyond its religious boundaries. In a notably political moment, in 2017, he gifted a copy of his encyclical to a visiting world leader: President Donald Trump.

According to the Pew Research Center, 54 percent of American Catholics say the planet is warming mostly because of human activity — in line with the average among all American adults, but well behind the 90 percent figure among atheists.

"It is safe to say that many Catholics still do not view care for the environment as a central aspect of what it means to be a Catholic," said David Cloutier, a professor of moral theology at Catholic University. "They view it as an optional activity that some Catholics might be involved in on the side, not a central commitment. But Pope Francis clearly is trying to move the church in that direction."

Stefano Pitrelli contributed to this report.

More than 1,000 dead in Bangladesh's worst dengue outbreak

BY KELSEY ABLES

Bangladesh's most severe dengue fever outbreak on record has killed more than 1,000 people since the beginning of the year, a grim milestone in the surge of the mosquito-borne illness, which scientists have said could worsen as a result of the effects of climate change.

At least 1,030 people have died, and more than 210,000 have been infected in Bangladesh since Jan. 1, according to government data published Tuesday, putting a strain on the South Asian nation's fragile medical system and sending officials scrambling to mitigate the spread. Among the dead are more than 100 children under 16. The country recorded just 281 dengue deaths for all of last year.

Globally, recorded dengue cases have increased eightfold from 2000 to 2022, according to the World Health Organization.

Raman Velayudhan, who leads the WHO's program for the control of neglected tropical diseases, said in July that about half of the world's population is now at risk of the infection. Asia represents about 70 percent of the global disease burden.

In an August report, the WHO said the situation in Bangladesh was abnormal "in its seasonality and early sharp increase" in cases when compared with previous years. Conditions in Bangladesh are becoming "more favorable" for the transmission of dengue, the organization wrote, as a result of "excessive rainfall, waterlogging, flooding, rise in temperature and the unusual shifts in the country's traditional seasons."

Dengue is spread mainly from the Aedes species of mosquito — which can also spread the Zika and chikungunya viruses — and is most often found in tropical and subtropical climates. In Bangladesh, dengue cases have typically coincided with the rainy season from May to September and higher temperatures, according to the WHO.

Most people infected with the virus won't experience symptoms, but for those who do, high fever, headaches, nausea, body aches and/or a rash are common. In rare cases, dengue can be fatal, and those infected twice are at greater risk for what's known as "severe dengue." Mortality rates can be as high as 13 percent in untreated patients, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There is no drug intervention for dengue, and treatments typically focus on easing pain and managing symptoms. Early detection can lower fatality rates.

The Americas also experienced significant outbreaks this year, particularly in Brazil and Peru, the latter of which battled the largest outbreak in its history this spring and summer. Medics in Sudan warned last week that cases of dengue were spreading as a result of seasonal rains, Reuters reported.

The virus is also appearing in new areas, and in June, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control sent a warning about mosquito-borne illnesses.

In Bangladesh, cases have been reported across all 64 districts of the country, with the crowded capital city of Dhaka particularly affected.

In response to the crisis in Bangladesh, the U.K.-based humanitarian organization Save the Children said in a statement: "We must remember that every case of dengue is not just a statistic; it's a person who deserves a healthy and happy life."



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TOP: A patient receives treatment for dengue fever at Mugda Medical College and Hospital in Dhaka, the Bangladeshi capital, on Tuesday. ABOVE: Dengue-infected patients stay under mosquito nets at the Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital in Dhaka.

Ukrainian journalist missing for 2 months

Reporter not heard from since leaving for territory occupied by Russia

BY BRYAN PIETSCH

Victoria Roshchyna, a Ukrainian freelance journalist, has been missing since she went on a reporting trip to Russian-occupied territory in Ukraine two months ago, raising concerns among family, colleagues and advocates that Russia could be holding her captive.

Roshchyna was last heard from on Aug. 3, according to the International Women's Media Foundation, which said in a statement that it was "extremely concerned for her safety."



Victoria Roshchyna

Elisa Lees Muñoz, the IWMF's executive director, said in a phone interview that Roshchyna's colleagues — other journalists covering the war — have expressed growing concern about the disappearance.

"That they went public with this is really indicative of their desperation," she said, as drawing attention to such a case can sometimes be "considered a provocation" by the missing person's captors.

The Daily Beast on Wednesday published a report from Kyiv about the disappearance by Anna Nemtsova, a Russian journalist whom Lees Muñoz described as a friend and colleague of Roshchyna's.

"I think it's time to raise hell and publish," Nemtsova told Lees Muñoz. "At least if she's in the basement, they'll stop torturing her."

Roshchyna told her family on Aug. 3 that she had made it through border checks but did not say where she was, according to the Daily Beast report. She had departed from Ukraine on July 27 bound for Russian-controlled territory in eastern Ukraine, traveling through Poland and Russia to get to the contested region, Nemtsova reported, citing Vladimir Roshchyn, Roshchyna's father.

Roshchyn told Nemtsova that Ukrainian security services had informed him that his daughter had been captured by Russia. Ukrainian officials did not respond immediately to a request for comment.

Roshchyna was held captive by Russia in March 2022, after she was captured by Russian forces in eastern Ukraine. She was held for 10 days in Berdyansk, and later chronicled her time in captivity in a report for the Ukrainian news outlet Hromadske.

Her father told Nemtsova that he had told Roshchyna to avoid going to the front lines of the war following her kidnapping in 2022. He offered to pay her not to go, but she insisted on continuing to report from the most treacherous battlegrounds, where atrocities often go unseen because of the extreme danger to journalists and human rights advocates.

That persistence may have been unwise, according to other journalists and observers, who expressed dismay on Facebook at Roshchyna's decision to venture into Russian-occupied territories after she had already been held captive once.

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, a New York-based press freedom organization, at least 17 journalists have been killed in Ukraine since Russia's full-scale invasion began last year. The toll includes Ukrainian journalist Maks Levin, who Reporters Without Borders says was executed by Russian forces, according to an investigation by the organization. He was found dead after he went missing in March 2022. Ukrainian writer Victoria Amelina died after a strike in June on a restaurant popular with journalists and aid workers in Kramatorsk, near the front lines of the war.

The IWMF recognized Roshchyna with its Courage in Journalism award last year. Roshchyna said of reporting on Russia's invasion of Ukraine: "I do not consider it courage but rather my professional duty."

Siobhán O'Grady contributed to this report.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

ChatGPT did a better job than his staff. He fired them.

Artificial intelligence chatbots will upend how call centers and customer service hotlines operate. Countries like India and the Philippines are worried.

BY PRANSHU VERMA

Suumit Shah never liked his company's customer service team. His agents gave generic responses to clients' issues. Faced with difficult problems, they often sounded stumped, he said.

But when Shah saw that ChatGPT could respond to questions with intricate, lifelike responses, he knew it could fix the customer service hotline of his India-based e-commerce platform, Dukaan.

Shah used the software to improve his in-house customer service chatbot Lina, training it largely on his company's help center content. In December 2022, he let the ChatGPT-powered bot field nearly all messages and found his customers were largely happy.

By June, he had fired 27 of his customer service agents and replaced them with Lina.

"It was [a] no-brainer for me to replace the entire team with a bot," he said in an interview, "which is like 100 times smarter, who is instant, and who cost me like 100th of what I used to pay to the support team."

Call centers, which started becoming popular in the late 1990s, provide cheap offshore labor to handle mundane corporate tasks for Western companies. Now, amid a larger wave of automation, this work is being outsourced once again: to artificial intelligence.

Backed by advanced technology, chatbots can interact directly with customers and solve problems independently — no human necessary.

Start-ups, banks and consumer goods corporations say the technology can help them cut costly customer service costs while providing clients with personalized service. They argue AI will give remaining call center workers more support, helping them feel fulfilled in their jobs.

But economists and workforce development experts say the shift could have a profound effect on economies across the world, especially in countries like India and the Philippines, where call centers provide millions of people with modest-paying work and where surveys have shown automation could render over a million jobs obsolete. The change is sparking a debate in the Global South about what, if anything, they can do to prevent a mass workforce disruption.

"You will … end up seeing a lot of jobs be eviscerated," said Sharad Sharma, co-founder of the iSPIRT Foundation, an Indian nonprofit technology think tank. "And the fewer jobs that will remain will be different kinds of jobs."

Outsourcing gained speed in the 1990s as global economies became more open and computers made it easier for work to be done anywhere. American companies, looking to control costs, began shipping jobs that were necessary — but not core — abroad, where cheap labor was in ample supply.

Countries such as India, with well-educated, English-speaking young workers, became a popular destination for these back-end jobs — most notably in customer service, information technology and data-processing roles.

The economic impacts were significant. In the early 2000s, Western companies employed just a few thousand people in the Philippines, but as of 2023 that number has ballooned to over 1.6 million, according to industry analyst figures. In India, outsourcing jobs now contributes to nearly 10 percent of the country's gross domestic product, industry analysts said.

The emergence of generative artificial intelligence — technology that undergirds AI chatbots, image makers and voice-cloning software — threatens the industry. Customer issues are likely to be solved by software that can analyze millions of data points to find the most common solution to a problem, rather than human



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ingenuity.

In a September survey of more than 300 IT and call center leaders, 80 percent said conversational AI products will be a "must have" for their companies going forward, with 52 percent of polled firms reporting they had already invested in the technology.

The shift has countries who rely on call center work bracing for change, politicians, economists and workforce development experts said.

In May, Imee Marcos, a senator in the Philippines called for an inquiry into the potential displacement of workers by technology, especially in the country's outsourcing sector. She noted an Oxford Economics and Cisco study, which estimated that digital automation could render 1.1 million jobs in her country obsolete by 2028.

"AI is developing faster than most people can comprehend," she said in a news release, "and is threatening to take away jobs and turn employment growth upside down."

In India, companies are already testing out how to replace customer service workers and call center agents with large language models, said Sharma, though he declined to disclose which companies he was aware of that were doing these kinds of tests.

He noted that with agents using AI to augment their work, the amount of workers needed to handle the same volume of calls will dwindle.

The effect to the economy will be undeniable, he said, and Indian outsourcing companies will need to adapt artificial intelligence into their operations quickly if they seek to keep jobs from going elsewhere. "India has to embrace augmentation faster than any other country," Sharma said. "That is the conversation that is taking place."

But AI and labor rights experts are torn on the impacts.

Erik Brynjolfsson, a professor at the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI, said automation could be a boon to the industry. As part of his research on AI's impact on call centers, he found that many companies are augmenting their agents' jobs with AI software instead of fully automating them.

Brynjolfsson said a suite of AI software tools helps call center workers do their jobs better: transcription software analyzes call conversations in real-time and provides agents with ideal solutions; other tools identify angry customers and provides techniques to calm them down.

This support allows workers to tackle difficult problems with far more ease, he said, leading to higher customer satisfaction and lower worker turnover. In his study surveying more than 5,000 call center agents using artificial intelligence software, access to the tools increased productivity by 14 percent, with novice workers seeing the largest gains and highly experienced workers finding negligible improvement.

He said companies should take note of these findings. "Don't look first to automate," he added. "Think about where you can augment things."

Virginia L. Doellgast, a labor relations professor at Cornell University, argued the technology will make jobs more difficult: Easy customer service problems will be handled by artificial intelligence chatbots, leaving more complicated issues for humans to deal with.

Remaining workers will deal with more difficult tasks that take longer to solve. If corporate compensation structures are tied to metrics, such as shorter call volume, they could be financially penalized.

If artificial intelligence makes it easier for novice workers to perform better, she said, that could also justify companies hiring less expensive, less experienced talent, leading to wage deflation across the industry and less satisfying customer service.

"Why would you need to hire a really experienced center worker who costs more money for their skills when you could get the same performance out of a less experienced one," she said.

But for entrepreneurs like Shah, cost matters above all. After the success of his Dukaan chatbot, he created a spinoff product that allows others to transition to an all-AI-powered hotline.

Not every customer service employee should worry about being replaced, but those who simply copy and paste responses are no longer safe, according to Shah.

"That job is gone," he said. "100 percent."

Prosecutors paint Bankman-Fried as a liar; defense calls him 'reasonable'

Opening statements present widely divergent pictures of crypto figure

BY TORY NEWMYER AND ELI TAN

NEW YORK — Federal prosecutors described former cryptocurrency entrepreneur Sam Bankman-Fried to jurors on Wednesday as a fraudster who knowingly stole billions of dollars from his customers and investors, as arguments in his criminal trial got underway in a downtown Manhattan courtroom.

Bankman-Fried's lead attorney, Mark Cohen, rebutted those charges by presenting a starkly different picture of a well-intentioned — if at times overwhelmed — executive who made good-faith decisions as he built two multibillion-dollar businesses on the fly in just a few years.

A jury made up of 10 women and two men, finalized Wednesday morning, will sift through six weeks' worth of evidence and witness testimony to determine which version they believe.

Bankman-Fried is accused of defrauding customers and investors in the FTX crypto exchange by funneling more than $8 billion of their money into risky side bets, luxury real estate and political contributions. He has pleaded not guilty to seven charges, including wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering and securities fraud.

Nathan Rehn, an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York who delivered the government's opening statement, repeatedly referred to Bankman-Fried as a liar who sacked customer deposits to fund his lavish lifestyle and accrue wealth and influence. "Behind the curtain, Sam Bankman-Fried was not who he appeared to be," Rehn said. "He was committing a massive fraud and taking billions of dollars from thousands of victims" and "spending it on himself."

Cohen, meanwhile, gave a detailed history of the rise and fall of the defendant's two businesses — the crypto trading platform FTX and the crypto-focused hedge fund Alameda Research, which provided the liquidity for the platform's launch — to argue that



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Sam Bankman-Fried in court this week. The defense described him as a "math nerd." The prosecution accused him of "massive fraud."

there was "nothing wrong" with the relationship between the two entities.

Bankman-Fried and his team, Cohen said, were "building the plane while they were flying it," a dynamic he called common to start-ups, noting that FTX never named a chief risk officer.

Far from the "cartoon of a villain" the prosecution portrayed, Bankman-Fried is a "math nerd who didn't party or drink," Cohen argued. And even as his crypto empire entered a tailspin in November, Bankman-Fried continued to pursue "reasonable business practices," Cohen said.

"Taking something out of context and in hindsight and calling it improper is not proof beyond a reasonable doubt," Cohen added.

Rehn also previewed testimony from three key witnesses — Caroline Ellison, Gary Wang and Nishad Singh, all former top lieutenants of Bankman-Fried's — who have pleaded guilty to crimes associated with their conduct at his crypto companies.

Rehn referred to Ellison — former head of Alameda Research and Bankman-Fried's sometimes-girlfriend — as a "front" while the executive "called the shots" behind the scenes.

But Cohen later cast doubt on their motives, telling jurors to be wary of their testimony given that they want to earn more-lenient sentences by cooperating with the government. Those comments follow a submitted request by the defense on Tuesday morning to block testimony from FTX customers, investors and co-conspirator witnesses, arguing they were irrelevant to the case.

The jury also heard from the first witnesses of the trial. Marc-Antoine Julliard, a London-based commodities broker, described being drawn to invest in crypto with FTX based on its outward appearances of legitimacy. He said he ultimately lost about $100,000, a significant portion of his savings, when the platform collapsed and he was unable to withdraw any of his assets.

Jurors then took in the beginning of testimony from Adam Yedidia, a college friend of Bankman-Fried who worked at FTX as a software developer and lived with the defendant and other colleagues in a Bahamian penthouse. Yedidia said that he quit the company in November when he learned that FTX customer funds had been used to pay back loans to Alameda creditors — and that he hasn't spoken to Bankman-Fried since. Yedidia is expected to continue testifying Thursday.

Jurors are also set to hear this week from Wang, an FTX cofounder and chief technology officer who has pleaded guilty to fraud charges and is cooperating with prosecutors. Regulators have said Wang created the software code that allowed Alameda to siphon FTX customer funds. Rounding out the witness list this week is Matt Huang, co-founder of Paradigm, a crypto-focused investment firm that backed FTX.

Tan reported from Washington.

DIGEST

RIDE-SHARING

Uber to offer package return service in U.S.

Uber drivers will collect your unwanted gifts and return them in the ride-booking company's latest addition to its app, the company announced Wednesday.

Uber has added a "return a package" feature to its app in almost 5,000 cities across the United States, allowing customers to leave out up to five prepaid and sealed packages to be returned to UPS, FedEx or a local post office.

The company cited research from the National Retail Federation in February finding that roughly 4 of 5 customers younger than 30 tend to find returns "very annoying." In a separate study, the federation reported that the average return rate in 2022 was 16.5 percent, roughly the same as the previous year.

"With the busy holiday shopping and gifting season fast approaching, we know returns are inevitable — whether it's the wrong size, the wrong color, or the wrong gift idea entirely," the company wrote in its release.

The service costs $5 per trip for most users or $3 per trip for members of Uber One, the company's subscription service.

— Aaron Gregg

ECONOMY

Private employers hired fewer workers

U.S. private employers added the fewest workers in more than 2½ years in September, with large establishments shedding jobs, but that likely exaggerates the pace of slowdown in the labor market.

Private payrolls rose by 89,000 jobs last month, the smallest gain since January 2021, the ADP National Employment Report showed on Wednesday. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast private employment would rise by 153,000. Data for August was revised slightly higher to show 180,000 jobs added instead of the previously reported 177,000.

The report also showed wages for job changers increasing 9 percent year-on-year in September, slowing from 9.7 percent in August.

The slowdown was driven by large corporations, which purged 83,000 jobs. Small businesses added 95,000 positions, while medium-size enterprises' payrolls increased by 72,000.

Manufacturing lost 12,000 jobs, while the trade, transportation and utilities sector shed 13,000 positions. Employment in the professional and business services industry decreased by 32,000 positions.

— Reuters

ALSO IN BUSINESS

Two top liberal Democrats asked antitrust regulators to examine UnitedHealth Group's planned $3.3 billion purchase of home-health provider Amedisys and challenge deals that bring medical providers under the same ownership as health insurers. The Justice Department opened an in-depth probe into the deal in August, and the letter from Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) renews attention on the investigation. The lawmakers stopped short of telling regulators to block the deal. UnitedHealth has combined insurance with doctors' practices, drug benefits and other businesses to create the largest U.S. health services company by revenue.

A Black former factory worker for Tesla lost his bid on Wednesday for a third trial in his race discrimination lawsuit against the electric carmaker, after a California federal judge rejected his claims that the company's lawyers had engaged in misconduct and tainted his trial. U.S. District Judge William Orrick in San Francisco in a written order upheld a $3.2 million verdict that a jury awarded to plaintiff Owen Diaz in April, denying his motion for a new trial while also rejecting Tesla's bid to cut the award in half. The decision is a mixed result for the electric carmaker, staving off another lengthy trial while drawing new attention to the case, one of several to allege rampant racial harassment at Tesla's flagship Fremont, Calif., assembly plant.

The United Nations called for greater oversight of commodities traders, saying unregulated activity is worsening the global food crisis in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Profiteering from financial activities now drives revenue in global food trading, yet commodity traders circumvent regulations by being regarded as manufacturing companies rather than financial institutions, the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development said in a report on Wednesday. Food commodity traders have reaped record profits as Russia's assault on Ukraine restricted agricultural flows and sent prices soaring.

— From news services

TECH IN YOUR LIFE

Google expands AI tool kit in Pixel 8 phones, reflecting a growing obsession

BY CHRIS VELAZCO

Google has been trying to sell its vision of smarter devices since its first Pixel phone in 2016. Seven years later, the company is still fighting to make its mark.

Last quarter, Apple and Samsung accounted for 78 percent of all smartphones shipped in North America, according to research firm Canalys. And Google? Just 4 percent. So, how is one of the biggest names in Big Tech supposed to win over the jaded American phone shopper?

By leaning more into artificial intelligence. Google on Wednesday unveiled a pair of new smartphones — the $699 Pixel 8 and $999 Pixel 8 Pro — which come with some features that rely on the kinds of generative AI and large language models that have become all the rage among startups and tech titans this year.

No, that doesn't mean Bard lives on a phone now — that's coming later. But it *does* mean your next phone may be able to, among other things, instantly summarize webpages, craft perfect photos from a few less-than-stellar ones and automatically translate text in foreign languages before reading it aloud.

Granted, there's more to these devices than just Google's focus on AI. From now on, the company is committing to seven years of operating system updates to its Pixel phones — that's a nearly unprecedented amount of time to ensure gadgets have up-to-date software. (iPhones, by comparison, typically get about five years of major iOS updates after they're released.)

The larger Pro model also comes with an unusual temperature scanner, which the company hopes will become an indispensable health tool once it receives clearance from the Food and Drug Administration.

The drive to push AI even deeper into its phones may offer Google a way to catch up to rivals that consistently outsell them, not to mention a potentially concrete way to hook consumers on the value of AI tools. But that only works if the tools themselves are worth using.

Here's what to know about the AI features you may get to use soon.

Instant story summaries

Sifting through a long webpage when you really just want the gist? With help from some of Google's large language models, Google Assistant can quickly scan and summarize articles, recipes and other long swaths of online text.

That said, the company isn't guaranteeing that every auto-generated summary is bulletproof. In the event that the system hallucinates and spits out erroneous info, you'll be able to rate summaries with a thumbs down and offer some additional feedback. (Likewise, you can give a thumbs up to particularly good ones.)

The catch: This feature only works when you're viewing websites in the Chrome browser or in the Google app. That means you can't ask the Google Assistant to, say, summarize a lengthy PDF file before your next meeting. You also can't summarize news articles that live behind a paywall — if you try, the summarize feature just balks at your request.

Best Take for photos

Who among us hasn't taken a group photo, only to discover some people blinked or looked away at the crucial moment?

Google's Best Take feature offers a solution for these situations: When you view a less-than-ideal picture in the Photos app, you'll be given the option to select more appropriate faces for people from photos taken around the same time. Google Photos will then stitch those selected faces into that picture, giving you a more perfect image to slap onto your socials.

The catch: Where do we start?

Rather than just improving the clarity of a captured moment, Best Take weaves together a distinctly new one, one face at a time. That means a photo you eventually come to cherish may depict a moment in time that never happened in the first place.

To be clear, Google says, the feature will never create a smiling face from scratch — it can only detect and swap in faces from across six photos if they were taken within seconds of each other. But to me, at least, there's still something viscerally unnerving about that.

Unsurprisingly, Google doesn't see things this way. Shenaz Zack, director of product management for Google's Pixel phones, told The Washington Post that she thinks of the feature as a way to "re-create" moments she wasn't fast enough to shoot in real time. Fair enough, but since we haven't been able to thoroughly test this feature yet, consider the jury undecided on how weird this is for now.

A more flexible Magic Eraser

Google first introduced its Magic Eraser tool — which lets you erase stray people or objects from photos — on Pixel phones two years ago, before letting anyone with a Google One subscription use it.

Now, though, you can do more than just erase photobombers from your pictures; with a tap-and-hold, you can select subjects in those images and reposition wherever you like. (As you do that, Google Photos will do its best to fill in the gap left behind with, well, whatever it thinks should go there.)

The catch: Sure, there's always the potential for creating images that are, on some level, disconnected from reality. But on a more practical level, some early examples we saw of the new Magic Eraser in action just didn't look very good — we spotted some unnatural textures where the tool filled in spots previously occupied by a person. We've seen these kinds of results before, and honestly, we were hoping for a little better.

A more natural-sounding call screener

For years, Pixels have had a Call Screen feature that answers the phone, asks whoever's calling what they want and transcribes the response for you. This time, though, Google's updated tool sounds nearly indistinguishable from an actual human. (If it didn't identify itself in a demo as a "Google virtual calling assistant," we wouldn't have been able to tell.)

That assistant is also better at analyzing what the person on the other end is saying. If it can tell they need some kind of specific feedback — say, confirmation for a doctor's appointment — you'll get a small on-screen bubble that, when tapped, prompts the assistant to pass along that confirmation.

The catch: For now, it seems this feature is the only place you'll get to hear that almost startlingly natural AI voice. Google hasn't yet mentioned if the virtual, voice-activated Assistant baked into the phones will get a similar upgrade.

An AI proofreader

Some folks who use Google Docs for work can already lean on an AI to help smooth out trouble spots in their writing, so it's no surprise to see something similar land on smartphones, too. What's different here is where that AI lives — on Pixel phones, it's in Google's default Gboard keyboard.

As you type, you'll see the keyboard auto-correcting obvious errors same as always. But when you finish pecking out that sentence, you'll see an option to "fix" spelling and grammar errors (like those pesky there/their/they're mix-ups) all at once.

The catch: We know that in some cases, Google uses what we type to train its AI. We're told that's not happening here — there's "no training of models based on your input," said Brian Rakowski, Google's vice president of product management for Pixel phones. Still, if you want to make sure you're not inadvertently doing work on Google's behalf, the safest move might be to avoid features like these where you find them.

Here's what the UAW is demanding and what each automaker is offering

BY JEANNE WHALEN



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United Auto Workers members picket outside a Jeep plant on Sept. 18 in Toledo. Workers have been striking since mid-September.

The United Auto Workers and Detroit's Big Three vehicle manufacturers have been locked in tense contract negotiations for weeks. Frustrated by the state of negotiations, the union on Sept. 15 began striking at one factory at each company, and has been steadily expanding the strike to more factories and warehouses to try to raise the pressure.

Full-time UAW workers at the Big Three earn about $18 to $32 an hour, depending on seniority — wages that have lagged far behind inflation. They also get annual profit-sharing bonuses that have totaled tens of thousands of dollars per worker over the last four years. Temporary workers earn $16 to $19 an hour and don't get profit-sharing payments or other bonuses.

The union and automakers have drawn closer in their demands and offers for a new, four-year contract but are still far enough apart to prevent a deal. Here's where the talks stand:

1. UAW demands

The union started out demanding a 40 percent raise in wages over four years, and has come down to 36 percent. It also demanded that the automakers reinstate regular cost-of-living adjustments to wages to protect against inflation, a benefit the workers lost in 2009. And it wants an end to a tiered system of employment that leaves newer workers on a lower wage scale, with lesser benefits.

For retirement benefits, full-time workers hired after 2007 get 401(k) accounts with a company contribution equaling 6.4 percent of a worker's base wages. The UAW wants the companies to restore defined-benefit pensions that workers previously received and to pay all the health-care costs for retirees.

The union has also demanded a 32-hour workweek (with pay for 40 hours); the right to strike over plant closures during the course of the next contract; and, in the event that an automaker does close a plant, provisions that would force the company to continue paying workers indefinitely to do community service.

2. Ford offer

Ford's latest offer would raise wages for full-timers by "more than 20 percent" over the life of the contract. It also meets a key UAW demand by restoring the regular cost-of-living adjustments to wages that UAW workers lost in 2009.

Ford would also eliminate the tiered system of wages, putting everyone on one pay scale. It has agreed to convert all current temporary workers to permanent status within 90 days. And it granted the union the right to strike over any plant closures during the life of the contract.

Ford also offered to boost its payments to 401(k) retirement accounts by making a 6.4 percent contribution of all hours worked, including overtime. In addition, it would contribute $1 for each hour worked to help fund the worker's health-care expenses in retirement.

Ford has not agreed to restore defined-benefit pensions and company-financed health care in retirement for all workers. Ford says it is also opposed to a UAW demand to guarantee that future battery factories will offer the same pay and benefits as existing factories.

3. General Motors offer

GM is offering a 20 percent wage raise over the life of the contract, including 10 percent in the first year. In a key concession to the union, GM has agreed to boost its auto parts warehouse workers up to the higher wage scale that vehicle assembly workers earn.

The offer would maintain GM's contribution of 6.4% of wages to 401(k) accounts and boost by 25 percent the money the company contributes per hour worked toward health care in retirement. GM would not restore defined-benefit pensions and company-financed health care in retirement for all workers.

GM has offered to boost temp workers' starting wage by 20 percent, to $20 an hour, but has not agreed to the union's demand to convert all temps to permanent status.

The UAW says that GM still isn't meeting the union's demands on cost-of-living adjustment to wages. And GM hasn't agreed to allow workers to strike over plant closures.

4. Stellantis offer

The manufacturer of Jeep, Chrysler and Ram vehicles is offering a 20 percent wage raise over the life of the contract, including 10 percent immediately when workers ratify the deal.

For 401(k) accounts, Stellantis is offering a 6 percent company contribution plus a 50 percent company match of an employee's contribution, up to 6 percent. And it is offering $1 per hour worked toward post-retirement health-care expenses.

Stellantis is proposing a 20 percent increase to temps' starting wage, to $20 an hour, but it is not agreeing to the union demand to convert all temps to permanent status.

The union on Sept. 29 said Stellantis had made important concessions relating to cost of living allowances and the right to strike over plant closures, but neither side disclosed details. Previously Stellantis proposed a formula that would pay employees when inflation exceeds 3 percent.

Appeals court cuts down cyberdefense agency's contact with tech companies

BY CAT ZAKRZEWSKI

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit on Tuesday ruled that a key cybersecurity defense agency probably violated the First Amendment in its efforts to coordinate with Silicon Valley to protect elections from online hoaxes, in a decision that could have sweeping implications for government efforts to secure the vote in 2024.

The panel of three judges nominated by Republican presidents wrote that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency "used its frequent interactions with social media platforms to push them to adopt more restrictive policies on election-related speech," revising an injunction issued last month.

The decision bars CISA as well as its director, Jen Easterly, and several other top agency officials from taking actions that "coerce or significantly encourage" tech companies to remove or reduce the spread of posts. CISA, which was established in 2018, has played a prominent role in efforts to secure elections from online threats, in part through communicating with social media companies during the 2020 elections.

The ruling clears the way for the Supreme Court to decide whether to take the case, after the Justice Department asked the justices to put the 5th Circuit ruling on hold. It's a significant reversal of a September decision by the same panel, which found that though CISA flagged posts to the platforms, there was not sufficient evidence that the agency's activities crossed the line and were coercion.

The litigation, *Missouri v. Biden*, is at the center of a growing conservative legal and political movement that has cast a pall over efforts to fight misinformation online. This case and recent probes in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives have accused government officials of actively colluding with platforms to influence public discourse, in an evolution of long-running allegations that liberal employees inside tech companies favor Democrats when making decisions about what posts are removed or limited online.

Amid the litigation, key universities are discussing how they can continue tracking election-related misinformation, and public health agencies have frozen programs intended to improve the quality of medical information online.

The Tuesday decision expands an order issued in September, which argued that a number of other government agencies — including the Biden White House, FBI and key government health agencies — violated the First Amendment by improperly influencing tech companies' decisions about removing or limiting posts related to the 2020 elections and the coronavirus.

Some advocates and First Amendment scholars viewed that decision as a significant improvement over a temporary injunction issued by U.S. District Judge Terry A. Doughty on July 4, which applied strict limits to CISA, the departments of State, Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, and a number of other government agencies.

CISA's role in efforts to protect the 2020 elections ignited days after voting ended, when former president Donald Trump fired the agency's chief, Christopher Krebs, in a tweet. Krebs had refuted Trump's claims that election systems were manipulated and previously celebrated the 5th Circuit order that did not limit CISA communications as "reassuring."

In Tuesday's order, the 5th Circuit judges said CISA served as the "primary facilitator" of the FBI's interactions with social media companies, and they allege the agency worked closely with the FBI to "push the platforms to change their moderation policies to cover 'hack-and-leak' content."

The companies' policies on such content came under scrutiny after Twitter, now known as X, cited those rules in its controversial decision to block users from sharing a controversial New York Post story about Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden. The decision was later reversed by Twitter, and company leaders have repeatedly said it was a mistake.

The judges also said CISA went beyond relaying flagged social media posts from state and local election officials to the tech companies, instead telling companies whether the posts were true or false.

"The platforms' censorship decisions were made under policies that CISA has pressured them into adopting and based on CISA's determination of the veracity of the flagged information," the decision said.

CISA declined to comment on the litigation, but executive director Brandon Wales said the agency does not censor speech. The agency seeks to share information on election literacy with the public, he said.

"CISA does not and has never censored speech or facilitated censorship; any such claims are patently false," Wales said in a statement. "Every day, the men and women of CISA execute the agency's mission of reducing risk to U.S. critical infrastructure in a way that protects Americans' freedom of speech, civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy."

The 5th Circuit panel — which includes Judges Edith Brown Clement, Don R. Willett and Jennifer Walker Elrod, who were appointed by Republicans — revisited the September order after the Republican attorneys general who initially brought the case requested a rehearing, arguing that the court overlooked "significant evidence" showing CISA ran afoul of the First Amendment in coordinating with the FBI.

The court, however, did not grant the plaintiffs' request to apply the injunction to the State Department or to reinstate the part of the July injunction barring government officials from participating with academic-led initiatives to address disinformation, including the Election Integrity Partnership and the Virality Project.

Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey (R), a key plaintiff in the case, accused CISA of being the "nerve center of the censorship enterprise" and said the state will not back down in defending its citizens' constitutional rights.

"We look forward to defending your First Amendment rights at the nation's highest court," he tweeted.

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New DNA tools help reveal the ocean's secrets

SHARK FROM **A1**

eDNA helped scientists rediscover an animal many thought to be lost for good, and gave ocean managers key information about where it lives so that they can protect it.

"They are always surprised that from a sample of water, you can detect the species," said Stéphanie Manel, a professor at the École Pratique des Hautes Études who was showing Tomasi how to collect DNA.

"But this is DNA," she said. "DNA is there. So it's not magic."

Her ambitions extend beyond the angel shark. Her goal is nothing short of "a map of the biodiversity in the Mediterranean."

Fallen angel

It used to be easy to find an angel shark.

A 19th-century zoologist in the British Isles wrote that it "haunts our coasts in abundance." Once widespread from Scandinavia to the Western Sahara, it was so plentiful in Europe's seas that the crystal-blue water off Nice in the French Riviera is named Baie des Anges, or the Bay of Angels.

With a flattened body and eyes on top of its head, the common angel shark, or *Squatina squatina*, lies on the bottom of the ocean, burying its body in the sand. For hours it waits in shallow waters, until — whoosh! — it pops its head up, opens its jaws and sucks an unsuspecting fish into its mouth.

For as long as humans have known about the shark, they have exploited them. The Roman naturalist Pliny the Elder lauded its rough skin for its ability to polish ivory and wood.

But it was the advent of modern fishing that really did the carnivorous fish in. That lie-and-wait strategy for ambushing prey also made it easy for fishermen to scoop it up in trawls scraping the sandy sea bottom, even when trying to catch other fish.

Slow to grow and reproduce, the fish's population plummeted and the Mediterranean lost a key predator. Today, the common angel shark is no longer common, with the International Union for Conservation of Nature listing the species as critically endangered.

By 2015, its last stronghold appeared to be the Canary Islands off northwestern Africa. The shark had disappeared everywhere else. Or so scientists thought.

But locals in Corsica knew better. "I've seen the bite," Sébastien Leccia said. As a teenager, he remembered a man showing him a scar on his arm. "We knew," said Leccia, now an official with the Office of the Environment of Corsica. "But it wasn't studied."

Until by 2019, a fisherman shared pictures of the odd, flat fish caught off the northeastern coast with biologists. Some were juveniles, suggesting a hidden shark nursery. Another series of photos from a diver further confirmed Corsica's angel sharks were no myth.

But those fleeting images only painted a partial picture. Where else around Corsica did the angel shark swim? Did these sharks stay put, or mingle around the Mediterranean? In 2020, during coronavirus lockdowns, the sharks started "to come back to the shore," said David Mouillot, a University of Montpellier professor collaborating with Manel. Had the decline in beach and boat activity during the pandemic made angel sharks less shy?

"We don't know whether it's covid, climate" or something else, he said.

For the past several years, Manel and Mouillot's team has been siphoning water along the Corsican coast to find the shark's genetic finprint and map its whereabouts. In late August, a 56-foot trimaran named the Victoria IV cut a course along the island's northwestern shoreline to continue the search.

After dropping the tube into the blue water on that hot August afternoon, the eDNA team waited as a pump whooshed water through a fist-sized amber capsule. Inside, an accordion-shaped filter collected tiny DNA-laden particles.

After half an hour running the pump, Tomasi snapped on rubber gloves and poured a bottle of clear solution into the amber capsule, preserving the genetic material so it could be sent to a lab onshore.

There, the snippets of DNA would be multiplied using a polymerase chain reaction, or PCR — a technique also used for detecting the coronavirus in humans — and then compared to DNA from a database to see what species were swimming below. The plunging cost of analyzing DNA over the past decade opened the door for this work.

So far, the team has used eDNA to find at least seven spots along the Corsican coast where angel sharks were still patrolling, according to a paper the team published in May. But more may be lurking undetected.

"Because it is endangered, the DNA is rare," Manel said.

'A young science'

Manel first got interested in eDNA after geneticists found invasive frogs in French wetlands. Much of the first eDNA work, in fact, was done in freshwater ecosystems, where DNA lingers in abundance.

More recently, scientists have refined ways of extracting strands of genetic material from saltwater, soil and air. Depending on conditions, DNA can last for days in the ocean after an animal has shed it.

"When we started, nobody believed it would work," Mouillot said of their marine eDNA work as the boat chugged along Corsica's rocky coast, lined with modern steel wind turbines and medieval stone towers once used to watch for pirates.

"Everyone thought we are crazy. It's a waste of money."

In the Mediterranean, the team was on the lookout for another invader: the rabbitfish.

The rabbitfish doesn't look much like a rabbit. But it shares with its land counterpart one crucial and devastating trait: It reproduces like crazy, overwhelming ecosystems. The fish has infiltrated the eastern Mediterranean through the Suez Canal, one of some 3,500 harmful invasive species costing society more than $423 billion a year. It hasn't been spotted near Corsica. But it's only a matter of time, scientists say.

"It's inevitable at some point," said Rick Stuart-Smith, a marine biologist from the University of Tasmania in Australia who joined Manel and Mouillot on the Victoria IV.

But biologists are doing more than just tracking endangered and invasive species. Today, they use eDNA to diagnose infections in insects and reconstruct entire food webs by combing through feces.

"We got to the point where we could detect one or two molecules," said Colin Simpfendorfer, a shark scientist at James Cook University in Australia conducting his own eDNA work. "That's how powerful those sorts of techniques can become."

"What eDNA can deliver for conservation is massive," he said. "It is revolutionizing a lot of the work that we do."

Yet the field is still new, and going through growing pains.

DNA is the blueprint for life, composed of four bases — adenine, thymine, guanine and cytosine — strung together in an order distinctive to every type of organism. To match DNA collected from the environment to a specific species, researchers must check samples against a reference database.

Yet the databases available right now are incomplete and disjointed. To confirm that particular sequence of A's, T's, G's and C's came from angel sharks, for instance, Manel and Mouillot's team had to test their method on angel shark tissue provided by fishers in Corsica and by an aquarium in Spain.

There is also a lack of standardization for filtration methods as well as a lack of communication with other scientific disciplines, said Louis Bernatchez, editor in chief of the scientific journal Environmental DNA. Many of the scientists sampling tissue from animals and sequencing DNA don't focus on the parts of the genome that eDNA methods are good at detecting.

"It's still a young science," said Bernatchez, a professor at Laval University in Canada. "It just keeps improving."

Then there are the privacy concerns. Wild animals aren't the only ones shedding DNA everywhere. Humans do, too. Spikes in the viral genetic signatures in sewer water, for instance, are allowing health officials to predict coronavirus outbreaks.

In a paper this year, University of Florida biologist David Duffy and colleagues showed sleuths can recover medical and family infor-



TOP: Stéphanie Manel siphons water samples to search for angel shark DNA. ABOVE: Alicia Dalongeville uses an underwater pump for collecting eDNA samples.



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The angel shark, or Squatina squatina.

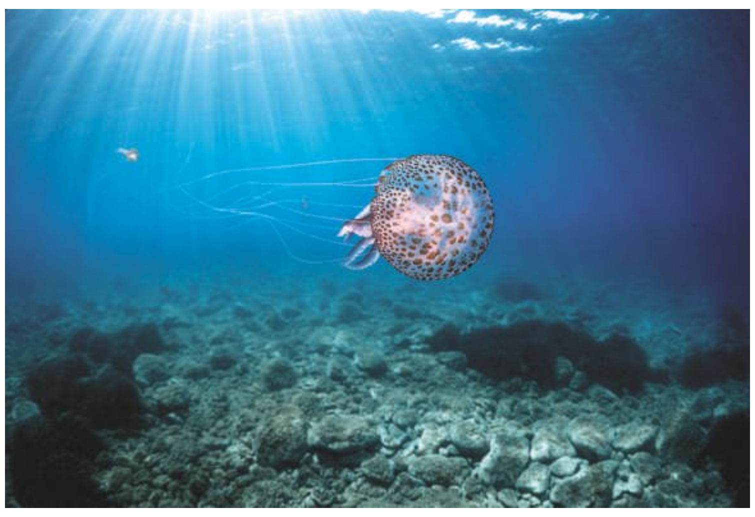
Uncharted Territories

A look at the new frontier of ocean exploration, and ways to harness the sea's power for regeneration.

FROM LEFT: The Victoria IV expedition approaches a research station. Graham Edgar, right, and Rick Stuart-Smith record data for the reef life survey program.









mation from genetic traces left in the environment by humans, suggesting one day police departments and insurance companies may be able to spot genetic disorders and surveil populations using eDNA.

"Essentially what we have shown is that humans are not really very different," Duffy said. "The same technologies that can allow us to recover a tiger's DNA from the environment actually can recover human DNA as well."

Going deep

And eDNA still can't capture some vital information. It can't say much yet about the quantity or body size of fish — though researchers are working on linking the amount of DNA they find in the water to the abundance of a species. And there are other fish that don't shed a lot of DNA to begin with, making eDNA detection difficult.

Some fish "don't piss a lot," Stuart-Smith said. "They don't have soft skin or mucus."

Finding some creatures requires taking a plunge. Stuart-Smith bobbed his head up and down and side to side, letting out big puffs of glistening air bubbles from his scuba gear. In one hand he held a pencil and in the other, a piece of special waterproof paper.

Swimming along a 50-meter tape measure laid along the seafloor, he counted every rainbow wrasse, painted comber and other vibrant fish he could spot. His colleague Graham Edgar passed him going the opposite direction, snapping pictures of the seafloor.

Once Stuart-Smith got to the end of the tape measure, he spun around to swim the line again — this time gently brushing away seagrass with his hand and plunging headfirst into crevices to get a better look at the life on this stretch of rocky seafloor near the small island of Giraglia at the northern tip of Corsica.

In one of the cracks he spotted a cardinal fish, a neon-orange animal that looks like a living piece of gummy candy.

"Nothing out of the ordinary," Stuart-Smith, who is also co-founder of the Reef Life Survey, said back aboard the Victoria IV.

This is a tried-and-true method for surveying sea life. For the past 16 years, the Reef Life Survey has trained professional scientists and amateur divers alike to conduct underwater surveys the same standardized way. Their catalogues, which include not only the species but also the abundance and body sizes of different reef fish at thousands of sites around the world, has provided marine managers with crucial baseline data.

This old-school approach can complement eDNA analysis. Visual surveys, for instance, aren't very good at spotting sea creatures swimming in deep waters or hiding under rocks. And other fish simply flee at the first sight of divers.

"The first thing to recognize when you're surveying marine life is that no method is perfect," said Edgar, also a University of Tasmania marine biologist.

Back on the deck, the pair enter data into their laptops. No angel sharks. No fish, in fact, bigger than six inches. In other areas off the coast of Corsica where Stuart-Smith went diving, fish were also small and skittish, a sign of overfishing even in areas that are supposed to be protected. Both eDNA and visual surveys can let government agencies know if fishing restrictions are working or being ignored by poachers.

"They were all very shy," he said. "If it's meant to be no entry, the fish are telling me no."

ABOVE, FROM LEFT: A Pelagia jellyfish, a painted comber (Serranus scriba), and a Mediterranean moray (Muraena helena) seen in the waters off Cap Corse.



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One last look

As the Victoria IV clipped up a stretch of dry coastline, Mouillot drew in a breath of ocean air. "I'm very excited to swim," he said. "Do you smell the angel shark?"

Sure, eDNA is the shiny new technology. But there is nothing quite like seeing a shark face to face.

Snapping on flippers and swim caps, Mouillot and Manel plunged into the water near a smattering of beachgoers enjoying the last days of summer. This sandy cove is near one of the spots the eDNA team had detected the shark in two years ago.

To find an angel shark, look for its silhouette. Often, the only thing to see is its outline in the sand. "You don't see the angel shark," said Jose A. Sanabria-Fernandez, another reef diver looking for the shark. "You see the shape of the angel shark."

The pair swam at a brisk pace along the coast, overhead strokes and eyes down, scanning for the outline of the shark under the sand. After several minutes of searching, Mouillot stopped.

"Many beautiful fish," he said, bobbing in the water. "But no angel shark."

The eDNA samples collected on the trip may reveal the sharks once they are analyzed in the coming weeks. But he and Manel care about more than just the angel shark. Their latest survey involves an eDNA method called metabarcoding that can detect not just one species, but also whole groups of animals.

"People need to be aware that you need to protect species," Manel said. "The angel shark is maybe an emblematic species."

The pair want not just to measure biodiversity but also bolster it, by someday moving some of Corsica's sharks to the French mainland coast and giving Nice's Baie des Anges its angels back.

Mouillot acknowledged the political and legal hurdles. "It's a very controversial idea," he said.

"It would be the greatest challenge of the end of my career," he added, "because it means that we can reverse the decline of biodiversity."



Schools shaken by 'swatting' hoaxes

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teachers.

The 911 call that led police there had been a hoax.

It got stranger. At least eight other schools across Michigan were targeted with similar hoax calls that morning.

For weeks, Rich would wake up in the middle of the night, replaying the incident in his mind. His colleague had a term for what happened: terror without a body count.

Even months later, one question gnawed at him. Who was behind the calls?

That same question has troubled police departments across the country.

Over the past year, more than 500 schools in the United States have been subjected to a coordinated campaign of fear that exploits the all-too-real American danger of school shootings, according to a review of media reports and dozens of public records requests. The Washington Post examined police reports, emergency call recordings, body-camera footage or call logs in connection with incidents in 24 states.

The calls are being investigated by the FBI and have generated an aggressive response by local law enforcement — particularly after officers in Uvalde, Tex., came under criticism for waiting more than an hour to confront the gunman during the May 2022 elementary school massacre.

In state after state, heavily armed officers have entered schools prepared for the worst. Students have hidden in toilets, closets, nurse's offices. They've barricaded doors with desks and refrigerators. Medical helicopters have been placed on standby while trauma centers have paused surgeries, anticipating possible victims. Terrified parents have converged on schools, not knowing if their children are safe.

The wave of school shooting hoaxes is without precedent, education safety experts and law enforcement officials say. It's part of a larger phenomenon known as "swatting," where callers report nonexistent crimes with the goal of triggering a police response — preferably by SWAT teams — at the homes of enemies or celebrities.

The shooting hoax calls often come in waves, with multiple schools in a state targeted on the same day, and most are "remarkably similar," said Drew Evans, the superintendent of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. More than 20 schools in the state were targeted in two separate incidents, one in September of last year and another this February.

"This is a really serious crime," Evans said. "It places everybody in a situation of potential danger to have police officers rushing into a school."

Many of the calls have followed a distinct pattern, according to police reports and recordings reviewed by The Post.

A male voice says that he is inside a school and that multiple students are shot. Many times, he claims to be a teacher. He says he is in a particular classroom or a bathroom, and tells the police to hurry.

He speaks with a heavy accent, police reports note. The calls first come in on non-emergency lines and are not recordings: The speaker interacts with dispatchers and responds to their questions.

When local authorities tried to trace the fake school shooting calls, they quickly ran into obstacles. Police reports show that the caller used free internet-calling services that allow anyone with an email address to make calls that appear to be coming from a U.S. number.

In incidents in at least 12 states, The Post found, the numbers were provided by TextNow, a Canadian company that offers free calls using voice over internet protocol, or VoIP.

TextNow says it works proactively to prevent bad actors from using its service while also keeping it free and accessible. The company "does not condone the use of our platform for harassment, fraud or other illegal activity that jeopardizes public safety," said Derek Ting, TextNow's co-founder, in a blog post in August. "However, when serving millions of people of various backgrounds and needs, you cannot solve every challenge with the biggest hammer you can find."



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SAGINAW TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Cormac Lynn, schools superintendent of Nouvel Catholic Central High School in Saginaw, Mich. Police officers forced their way into Nouvel Catholic following a fake active shooter call. A family shares a tearful reunion after a school shooting hoax in San Antonio on Sept. 20.

A familiar voice

Three months before the hoax calls in Michigan, something strikingly similar unfolded in northern Louisiana. A male voice described by police as having a "foreign accent" reported an active shooting in progress at a high school in Bossier Parish, near Shreveport. Patrol officers raced to the scene but found no threat.

The detective who took the case, Capt. Shannon Mack, relished the chance to investigate the call. Her probe would unravel fresh details of the shooting hoax mystery, turning up clues and dead ends.

A 15-year veteran of the sheriff's department, Mack has developed a self-taught expertise in cases involving internet-based phone services. "That's my niche," said Mack, 49. She likes that it's technical and sometimes tedious. She especially loves the feeling of "tracking someone who thinks they can't be tracked."

At first, people used such services to harass or intimidate a spouse or enemy, believing they couldn't be identified, Mack said. Then the numbers began to show up in cold-calling scams to swindle people. It's only in the last few years that Mack has started to see the VoIP numbers used for swatting.

"Nine times out of 10, it's a TextNow number," Mack said.

After Bossier Parish received the school shooting hoax call in November, Mack sought several search warrants. She started with TextNow, asking for all the information the company had about two numbers linked to the incident: call logs, internet protocol addresses, account setup data. Then she moved on to Google and Apple, asking for everything they had on the email addresses that created the TextNow accounts.

The result was a trove of data that offered a minute-by-minute window into the activity of the perpetrator — or perpetrators. The logs revealed hundreds of calls over a roughly two-week period, many to police departments, schools and even restaurants. The caller mostly dialed numbers in the United States, but there were also a few dozen calls made to Australia and Canada.

One TextNow number was linked to school shooting hoaxes in at least six states: Alaska on Nov. 2; California and Texas on Nov. 4; Maine on Nov. 15; Ohio and Louisiana on Nov. 16.

According to the records Mack obtained, the perpetrator connected to TextNow via virtual private networks, or VPNs, which obscure a user's location.

But there was also a tantalizing clue: When the TextNow account was created, the user connected via an internet protocol address assigned to Ethio Telecom, a major telecommunications company in Ethiopia. The user's Gmail account was also traced to Ethio Telecom. Mesay Woubshet, a spokesman for Ethio Telecom, said the matter was under investigation by the country's federal police. The Ethiopian Federal Police did not respond to a request for comment.

For Mack, the finding pointed to an even bigger pattern — and an even more prolific swatter. In April 2022, she had investigated a bomb threat hoax call targeting a local school. It, too, was made with a TextNow number that was traced to an internet protocol address in Ethiopia. Even the voice on the 911 call sounded the same in the two cases.

When the school shooting hoax call took place in November, Mack recognized the voice from the earlier bomb threat. She quickly called the number back. She heard the same male voice say, "Hello? Hello?"

"Hey, why are you calling schools and doing that to kids?" Mack recalled saying. "You know it's wrong. Where you at?"

The person hung up.

A kind of compulsion

The link to Ethiopia was a crucial — if incomplete — breakthrough. Just because a call originated from an Ethiopian IP address doesn't necessarily mean the perpetrator is calling from that country, experts said, noting that online marketplaces sell access to such addresses.

In November 2022, TextNow blocked the entire country of Ethiopia from its service, the company said, after determining it was a source of significant malicious activity. The previous month, NPR had reported that a TextNow number using an Ethiopian IP address was connected to bomb threat hoaxes against schools. TextNow also removed its app from app stores outside North America, making it slightly more complicated for users elsewhere to access the service on their phones.

Still, the hoax calls kept coming. North Carolina, West Virginia, New Hampshire in December. Michigan, Oregon, Minnesota in February. Kansas, Ohio, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Utah, Pennsylvania, New York in March. Wyoming and Illinois in April. In May, the hoax calls targeted at least 14 schools in Tennessee, just weeks after an actual school shooting left six people dead in Nashville.

Catalin Grigoras, director of the National Center for Media Forensics at the University of Colorado at Denver, conducted a technical analysis for The Post of five of the hoax calls made between September 2022 and April 2023. Grigoras said there was a strong probability that the caller used a device or app to alter their voice in real time. However, it was also highly likely, Grigoras said, that the same person was speaking in each recording.

The swatter's use of technology is notable, said James Turgal, a former senior official at the FBI's information and technology branch who is now vice president at Optiv, a cybersecurity firm. "Gone are the days when someone on a hard-line phone would call in a bomb threat because they didn't want to take their final that day," Turgal said. "That was ye olden days."

Another enigma was the caller's motivation. The perpetrator of the school shooting hoaxes could be driven by hostility, money or some combination of the two, experts said. On platforms such as Telegram, there are groups offering swatting services: one viewed in August by The Post touted the possibility of "extreme harassment" for $100 a day and bragged about being able to close any school.

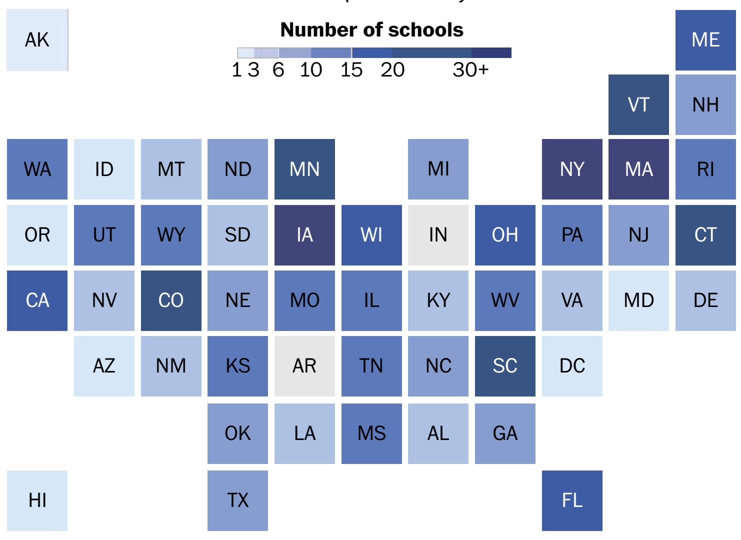
But the volume of school shooting hoaxes may also suggest a kind of compulsion. "I think they can't stop," said Keven Hendricks, an investigator and cybercrime expert who has worked on swatting cases with police. "This is what this person does."

Mack's investigation turned up another potential clue. Google handed over the contents of the Gmail account associated with the number used in the hoaxes. It contained emails from TextNow and other internet telephone providers. There was also an email from Instagram for the holder of a particular account.

That Instagram account has no posts, but several others with nearly the same name and imagery contain violent rhetoric toward the United States and White people.

A nationwide campaign of fear

Schools targeted by shooting hoaxes in each state over the past school year

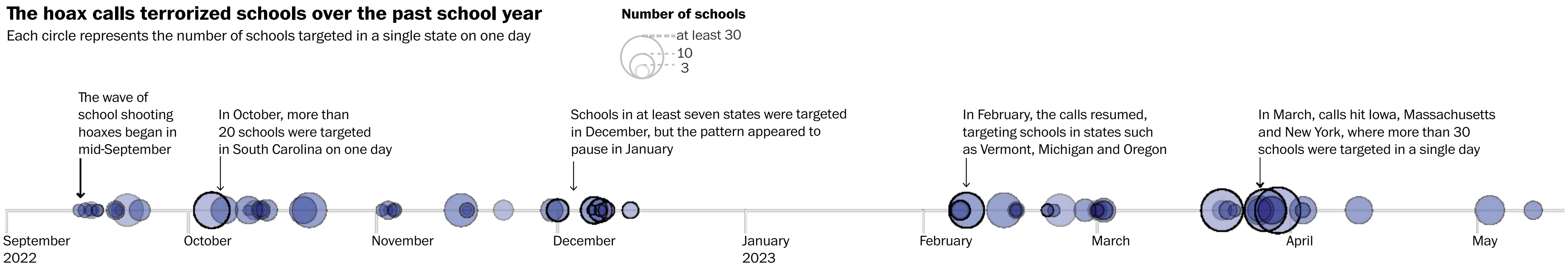


Note: The data includes incidents where multiple schools were targeted and situations where calls were linked to a broader pattern of hoaxes.

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The hoax calls terrorized schools over the past school year

Each circle represents the number of schools targeted in a single state on one day



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One account mentions Bob's on Sheridan, a mom-and-pop breakfast restaurant in Kenosha, Wis., in a post from January 2022 that claims a "missile" was launched there.

That same month, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department received five calls on its non-emergency line saying multiple people had been shot or injured at Bob's. It was a male voice, with a heavy accent, using VoIP numbers, Sgt. Colin Coultrip said.

Following a query from The Post, Instagram removed the accounts for violating its policy against inciting violence, said a spokeswoman for Meta, which operates Instagram and Facebook.

A game of cat-and-mouse

This spring, detectives in Illinois added another piece to the puzzle. In April, at least 12 schools in the state were targeted by a wave of school shooting hoax calls. Detectives in the towns of Carbondale and Marion determined the calls were made from a TextNow number and asked the company for information about the account.

TextNow provided records to the police showing that the account holder made calls from the phone number for four days. As in previous incidents, the user took steps to obscure their location, connecting through a VPN or a proxy server, another tool that conceals a person's location.

This time, however, there was a difference: The IP address used to create the account was traced to a Comcast router in a town northeast of Houston. The subscriber was a 71-year-old woman, according to a police report. Experts say that it can be relatively easy to compromise unsecure home routers and that they doubted the woman had any knowledge of the plot.

The woman lives in a neighborhood of modest, prefabricated homes. When approached by a Post reporter on a recent sunny afternoon, she reacted with confusion. She had not been contacted by the authorities, she said, and had no idea that her router was connected to the case.

The persistence of the swatting hoaxes pushed TextNow to tighten its policies. Although the company had stated for years on its website that the use of VPNs was not supported by the service, the hoax perpetrator had used that type of secured network to connect to the platform for months.

In the first half of May, TextNow said, it took several new steps. It blocked users from making calls from a web browser when using a VPN, the company said. It also prevented users from creating new accounts on a device that was previously flagged for abuse.

Tristan Huntington, the company's senior vice president, said TextNow adapts its processes to block bad actors but described it as a game of cat-and-mouse. "The moment we make a change and we tell people about it, then immediately there is some kind of workaround," he said.

Some experts are critical of TextNow, where people can sign up for an account with only an email address. "Why are you letting any call go through when you don't know who's making it?" asked Fred Posner, a communications consultant and VoIP expert.

A campaign of fear

For more than a year, law enforcement agencies across the country have fed information about school shooting hoax calls to the FBI, hoping to leverage the bureau's superior investigative resources. But it's not clear how much headway the agency has made.

For the FBI, the probe is akin to peeling the layers of an onion, said Todd Hillis, chief intelligence officer at IACI, an information-sharing association that identifies threats to cybersecurity.

Some popular VPNs outside the United States only retain logs of customer activity for a brief period, or do not cooperate with American law enforcement at all, Hillis said. He estimated it would take six months or longer for the FBI to obtain such data through a mixture of persuasion and treaty requirements between countries.

Even then, he said, the user's actual location may not be clear.

"You can make yourself several layers deep if you are so inclined," Hillis said. "The onion gets more and more layers on it, and it gets harder and harder."

A rare glimpse into the federal investigation came in May. An analyst at Utah's Statewide Information and Analysis Center made a presentation to local lawmakers about the swarm of school shooting hoaxes that took place in the state two months earlier. The analysis said that while the perpetrator had used "sophisticated measures to remain anonymous," the FBI had "determined the originating source."

Capt. Tanner Jensen, the center's director, declined to elaborate on the presentation or provide further details about an ongoing federal investigation. "I have full confidence they're taking this seriously," he said.

The FBI, too, declined to comment on what exactly the Utah report was referring to, where the hoax calls were coming from and whether it had identified a suspect. It also did not respond to broader questions about its investigation into the school shooting hoaxes, its effort to combat such incidents or its creation of a new database of swatting incidents in May. No arrests have been announced in connection with the hoax calls.

Meanwhile, several other hoax calls have occurred. Last month, two schools in Nashville were targeted with fake active shooter calls, said Kristin Mumford, a spokeswoman for the Nashville police. The calls originated outside the state, and the police noted that "there have been hundreds of similar threats in other American cities." A connection to the larger trend "has not been ruled out," Mumford said.

In Michigan's Saginaw Township, the police say they're eagerly awaiting a call informing them that the FBI has caught the culprit in the shooting hoaxes. "Hopefully, there will be some closure, so at least that person won't do it again," Lt. Rick Herren said.

At Nouvel Catholic Central High School, the doors rammed by the police cruiser were swiftly repaired. Other damage will take longer to heal.

Lydia Schade, 17, was in her pre-calculus class when the lockdown announcement came over the loudspeaker and she saw her teacher's face go white. She knew it wasn't a drill. As she huddled in a corner, she thought of her late grandmother, who used to tell her to be strong, to be a warrior.

Her enduring memory of that day is the moment when students were released, one by one, from the school gym. It is the fear etched on the faces of the parents waiting outside that she remembers.

Tim Novak, a parent at Nouvel Catholic, recalled the agonizing minutes when his son Max, then a senior, wasn't responding to his text messages. Novak said he knows all too well that the hoax could have been real. He stopped speaking, unable to continue. His eyes filled with tears. "It's because it happens so often," he said.

A little over a year before the shooting hoax in Saginaw, a student in Oxford, Mich., about 80 miles away, opened fire at his high school and killed four people. A week after the hoax, a gunman killed three students at nearby Michigan State University.

The morning of the hoax, Cormac Lynn, the schools superintendent who oversees Nouvel Catholic, was on the phone in his office in an adjoining building when he saw police vehicles with lights flashing and sirens blaring race into the parking lot. He immediately hung up.

When Lynn reached the main floor of the school, he saw officers in tactical gear with weapons raised, yelling at him to put his hands up. They pointed their guns at him and told him to lift his shirt. He carefully complied.

"The cops weren't in a drill. We weren't in a drill," Lynn said. The experience was "as real as you can get without an act of violence."

Peter Holley in Houston contributed to this report.


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Cara Schade with her daughter, Lydia, a senior at Nouvel Catholic Central High. Lydia, 17, was in her pre-calculus class when the school went into lockdown because of a shooting hoax.

Inside a 'swatting' attack

On Nov. 15, schools and police departments across Maine were targeted with hoax calls in a three-hour window.

TIME OF FIRST CALL (EST)	AGENCY OR SCHOOL
7:45 a.m.	York High School, York
8:03 a.m.	Sanford High School, Sanford
8:19 a.m.	Sanford Regional Communications Center, Sanford
8:28 a.m.	Portland High School, Portland
8:30 a.m.	Portland Police Department, Portland
8:36 a.m.	Brunswick High School, Brunswick
8:37 a.m.	Brunswick Police Department
8:54 a.m.	Winslow Police Department, Winslow
8:59 a.m.	Brewer Police Department, Brewer
9:07 a.m.	Howland Fire and Ambulance, Howland
9:08 a.m.	Lincoln Police Department, Lincoln
9:13 a.m.	Houlton High School, Houlton
9:15 a.m.	Houlton Police Department, Houlton
9:30 a.m.	Madawaska High School, Madawaska
9:32 a.m.	Madawaska Police Department, Madawaska
9:47 a.m.	Ellsworth Police Department, Ellsworth
9:53 a.m.	Belfast Police Department, Belfast
9:58 a.m.	Rockland Police Department, Rockland
9:59 a.m.	Knox Regional Communications Center, Rockland
10:08 a.m.	Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Wicasset
10:16 a.m.	Eastport Police Department, Eastport
10:24 a.m.	Calais Police Department, Calais

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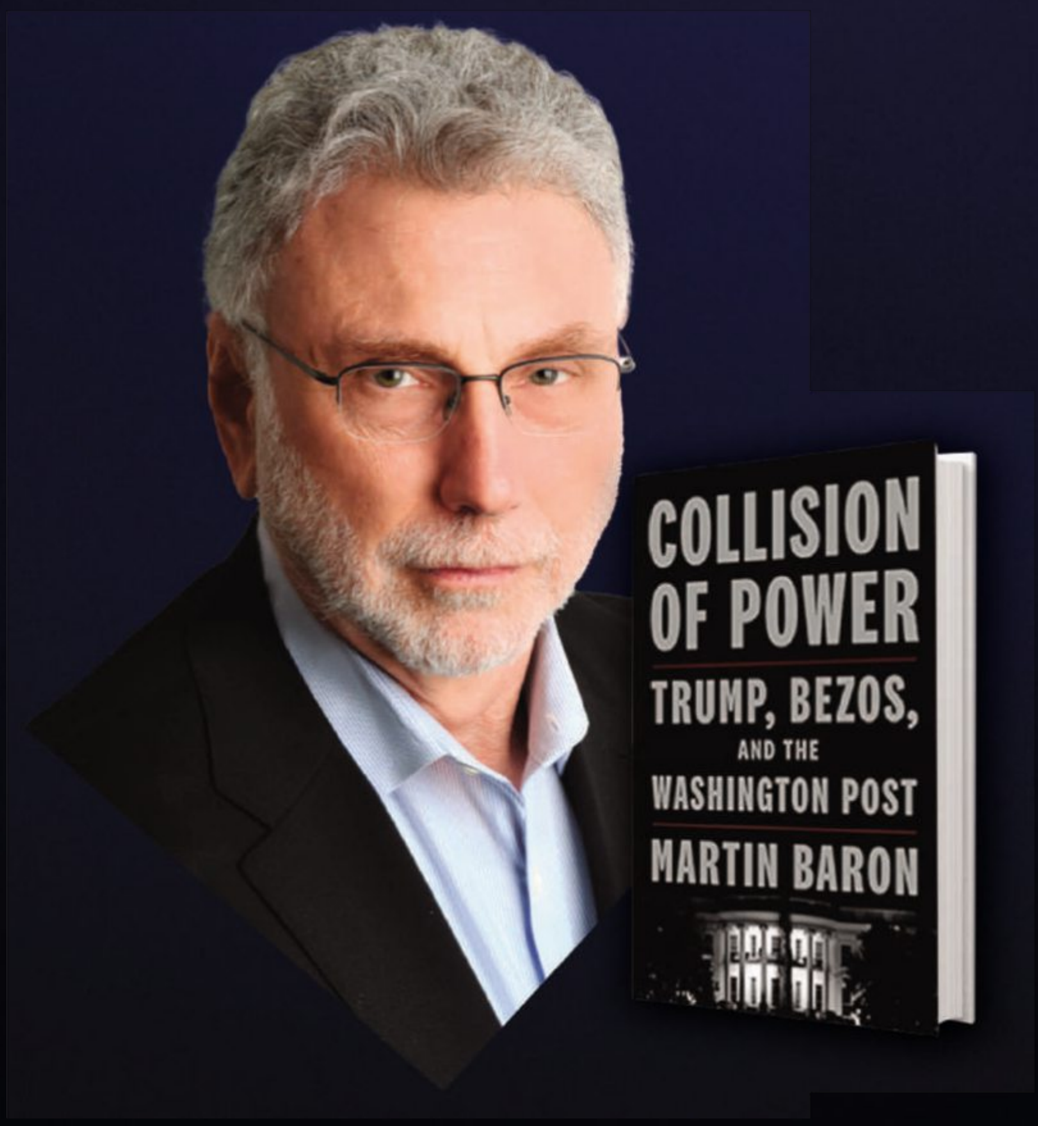
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Labor organizers say Kaiser action is largest health-care strike in U.S. history

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that staffing problems prevent them from giving patients the best possible care.

Unions had been locked in a contentious debate with the nonprofit private health-care giant over wages, outsourcing and staffing shortages for six months before the strike began. Kaiser officials maintain that health-care providers across the country have struggled to attract and retain workers in recent years — even as the pandemic emergency receded.

Citing "a lot of progress," Kaiser said in a statement Wednesday that both parties continued to meet until late Tuesday to reach a solution after contracts for unionized workers expired Saturday. Kaiser also pledged that hospitals and emergency departments would remain open even as dozens of clinics and other pharmacies temporarily closed.

Keven Dardon, a striking Kaiser employee who registers patients at Sunnyside Medical Center in Clackamas, Ore., said his department has been cut from roughly 60 to 40 full-time employees since the start of the pandemic, even as "we get messages every quarter that patient volumes are going up."

He said that with reduced staff, patients often have to wait up to 25 minutes to check into the hospital, giving them less time with their providers and sometimes forcing them to reschedule appointments.

"The big thing is we're burnt out," said Dardon, who makes about $32 an hour now, 14 years in. "People are doing double and triple the work. ... And you look at jobs in fast food, and everything is $20 an hour and up. We clean blood and disinfect bodies."

Passing drivers honked their car horns in support for about 75 Kaiser pharmacists and optometrists, some wearing lab coats and scrubs, as they marched back and forth in front of Springfield Medical Center in Springfield, Va., on Wednesday morning, chanting "Hey, Kaiser, you can't hide, we can see your greedy side." The group was among about 400 workers in Virginia and D.C. who planned to stop work for one day.

David Hawa, 58, an ambulatory care pharmacist at the Springfield center for 28 years, said he reported to work every day during the pandemic when the area was a ghost town to fill prescriptions even as his co-workers got sick or left the profession.

"It's just become impossible to keep up," he said of the constant flow of prescriptions flooding in electronically. "You have less people to do the daily work and less people to do patient interaction."

With inflation, Hawa has also seen co-workers commuting long distances after being priced out of the area. This has eroded the work-life balance that Kaiser has prided itself on providing workers, he said, echoing concerns from other participants in the labor action.

Kaiser Permanente serves about 12.7 million customers — including 835,000 Washington-area members — and operates 39 hospitals and 622 medical offices, according to its website.

The strike at Kaiser arrives during a year of heightened labor activity in the United States. More than 445,000 workers have walked off the job this year so far, making it one of the biggest years for strikes since 2000, according to Bloomberg Law's database of work stoppages.

In Hollywood, 160,000 actors have been on strike since July, demanding higher wages and guardrails against the use of artificial intelligence. Meanwhile, some 25,000 autoworkers are on strike for the first time against all Big Three automakers — Ford, General Motors and Stellantis.

Powered by a tight labor market and the surging popularity of unions, recent strikes — and even strike threats — have led to big concessions from major U.S. employers at the bargaining table this year. Last week, negotiators for the screenwriters guild reached a tentative agreement with Hollywood studios to end a nearly five-month strike. In July, amid the threat of a massive work stoppage, 340,000 UPS workers won their strongest contract in decades, securing 48 percent raises for part-time workers over five years.

Health-care workers have also levied their share of work stoppages this year. Spanning New York to Texas to California, these strikes have largely centered on frustrations that nurses and other health-care professionals are being asked to care for too many patients as



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Pharmacists and optometrists picket at Kaiser Permanente in Springfield, Va. Nationally, more than 75,000 employees walked off the job Wednesday, saying they are overworked and underappreciated.

staffing levels have dwindled. Raising wages amid high inflation has also been a top priority. In the health-care industry, where strikes can disrupt critical services, many work stoppages are not open-ended as is common in other sectors, and last only a few days.

"The reason you are seeing so many strikes is you are seeing so many workers strike and win. The copycat effect is so strong precisely because strikes work," said Eric Blanc, an assistant professor of labor studies at Rutgers University. "Workers across the U.S. economy have been turning to strike action because they've been put into a squeeze by economic circumstance at the same time they have more wind in their sails to fight back."

The Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions, which represents 85,000 Kaiser health-care workers — including about 3,800 employees in the District, Maryland and Virginia — is negotiating the first contract since before the pandemic, which workers say worsened working conditions and exacerbated already dire staffing needs. The coalition of unions has argued that Kaiser needs to offer higher wages and make other investments in staffing to attract employees and reduce patient wait times.

Kaiser officials say employees earn comparatively higher wages and benefits and received nearly $1 billion in special benefits during the pandemic. The nonprofit ran a net loss of $4.5 billion in 2022 on $95.4 billion in operating revenue, marking a sharp turn from the previous year's positive net income of $8.1 billion. The organization said it faced higher expenses because of inflation, higher care volumes from treatment that had previously been deferred, and a "highly competitive labor market." About three-quarters of the company is represented by a union.

The strike is expected to further impinge on its finances. Fitch Ratings senior director Kevin Holloran said Wednesday that the strike "will very likely result in cancelled procedures, reduced volumes, and a brief but sharp decline on provider revenues this week."

Paula Coleman, a clinical lab assistant who oversees blood and urine testing for Kaiser and is on strike in Englewood, Colo., said that since the start of covid, she has seen many of her colleagues quit for less stressful and more lucrative jobs, while those who remain see their workloads increase as their wages lose purchasing power with the rising cost of living.

Some of her colleagues have started working second jobs to make ends meet; others can only afford to live hours away, near the Kansas border. With her husband out of work, Coleman, who makes around $28 an hour, is in the process of applying for a second job at Pizza Hut to keep her household afloat.

Kaiser told Colorado patients in a Wednesday notice that it might see higher call volumes because of the strike, possibly resulting in longer wait times. It listed more than 20 of its labs, imaging centers and pharmacies that will close during the strike, mostly in the Denver and Boulder areas. The company also said it will bring in "licensed and qualified contract staff" in some cases to augment the workforce.

Some Kaiser customers facing disruptions vowed not to cross the picket line in solidarity with striking workers.

Roxanne Hawn, 55, a writer who lives near Golden, Colo., said she pushed back her husband's appointment by months because of the strike. It had been scheduled for Wednesday at a Kaiser facility an hour from their home, and she said she didn't want to go through the trouble if there's any chance it would be canceled.

Hawn said she has been impressed by the level of coordinated care Kaiser provided to her sister, a two-time cancer survivor. But she said she comes from a union family and can't bring herself to cross any picket line, even as a patient seeking care.

"We're lucky in that our appointments are not dire," Hawn said.

Others have had no problem keeping their appointments. Carissa McQueen, 38, is a script supervisor in the film and television industry in Los Angeles who sees a Kaiser mental health professional to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

McQueen said Kaiser called asking to delay her Thursday appointment, but she responded that she legally has to come into the clinic to receive her medication. Kaiser put her on hold for 10 minutes before allowing her to keep the appointment, she said.

Her care has been top-notch, she said, but providers have told her they're overworked to an unsustainable degree.

"I've been very, very happy with my care overall, but it still often feels like the priority is some kind of external financial motivation rather than the overall health and well-being of my community," McQueen said.

In negotiations, the coalition has requested a $25-an-hour minimum wage across the health-care giant, as well as annual pay increases of 7 percent for the first two years of the contract and 6.25 percent for the latter two years.

In its latest offer, Kaiser has said it would raise minimum starting pay to between $21 and $23 an hour, with annual raises of between 3 and 4 percent. The coalition of unions said starting pay varies by position and region, but many Kaiser employees earn less than $20 an hour.

Amy Nakamura contributed to this report.



THURSDAY OPINION

CHARLES LANE

Blue America asks for high court help on homelessness

Of the estimated 577,000 homeless people in the United States, as of last year, roughly 40 percent lived in California, Oregon, Washington and Arizona. California, Oregon and Hawaii ranked first, third and fourth nationally in per capita rates of homelessness. Unkempt, often unsafe tent cities clog parks and sidewalks in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Phoenix.

And all of the above states and cities are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.

This is no coincidence. Rulings of the 9th Circuit make it hard for local officials to control homeless encampments, according to two dozen recent friend-of-the-court briefs filed at the Supreme Court by state and local governments, business leaders and law enforcement officials in the West (and elsewhere).

The broad coalition includes GOP attorneys general of 20 mostly red states — but also California's liberal Democratic governor, Gavin Newsom, and progressive Democratic cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland. They are all but begging the justices to hear a challenge to the 9th Circuit filed by Grants Pass, a small Oregon city, in hopes the Supreme Court will use the case to restore power to local officials and safety to public spaces.

At issue is a unique 9th Circuit rule, established for the nine westernmost U.S. states in 2018, that enforcing a ban on public-property camping can be an unconstitutional "cruel and unusual punishment" if the campers lack alternative shelter.

Homeless rights organizations urged the famously left-leaning 9th Circuit toward this conclusion by arguing that it's wrong to "criminalize" poverty. They assert that curtailing enforcement makes cities and towns likelier to provide long-term solutions, in the form of housing and services.

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This is a novel use of the Eighth Amendment, typically invoked to limit specific punishments, such as branding or life without parole for juvenile offenders — not the laws themselves that penalize certain behavior. Apart from a single 1962 case, Supreme Court precedent for the 9th Circuit rulings is thin; and Grants Pass, in its own petition, makes a persuasive case that the regional court vastly overreached.

The appeals court ruling against Grants Pass, finalized in July, was especially aggressive, given that the first punishment provided for in its anti-camping law was a civil fine, with criminal sanctions possible only after repeated violations. What's more, the 9th Circuit allowed the town's homeless to sue as a class, regardless of whether any particular individual had actually been cited for living outdoors.

Bad as the 9th Circuit's doctrine is, it has gotten worse as interpreted by lower district court judges. Confusion has festered as each new judge assesses the quantity and quality of publicly provided shelter space that would suffice before authorities could clear homeless campers out of public areas.

In many cases, localities have spent heavily on safe, clean shelter space. But without clear legal authority, they have no leverage to require the homeless to use these facilities.

According to a brief submitted by San Francisco and its mayor, London Breed (D): "San Francisco has seen over half of its offers of shelter and services rejected by unhoused individuals, who often cite the district court's order" — an order interpreting the 9th Circuit's ruling — "for their justification to permanently occupy and block public sidewalks." The League of Oregon Cities avers: "Between May 2022 and July 2023, Portland, Oregon officials report that they made 3,399 offers of shelter beds to homeless individuals and were declined 2,560 times" — a rejection rate of 75 percent.

In short, the law that prevails out West is the law of unintended consequences. The presumably well-meaning 9th Circuit has left "California's elected officials . . . without options," in the words of Newsom's brief, as unsafe encampments remain all but untouchable at the expense of "efforts to make the spaces occupied by unhoused people safer for those within and near them."

Newsom's cri de coeur to the justices, like the others from blue-state politicians, is ironic, given his recent denunciation of the Supreme Court's conservative majority as "radical" and "hellbent on rolling back basic rights."

But if the justices put hurt feelings above sound law in this situation, they will be letting down Americans — both homeless and housed — who need something more than the current state the law allows for in the 9th Circuit. The justices passed up a chance to review the 9th Circuit's position when Boise, Idaho, asked them to do so in 2019; there was no contrary ruling in another circuit to create the kind of "split" that often triggers Supreme Court intervention.

There still isn't one; the Supreme Court can and should act anyway, given what's happened over the past four years. Businesses, residents and homeless people themselves, across an area where nearly 1 in 5 Americans lives, are suffering avoidable harm because of one outlier circuit court.

Restoring local power to ban camping in parks and on sidewalks will not solve a crisis rooted in poverty, addiction and untreated mental illness. But it will give governments tools to address the problem — and deprive them of excuses if they fail.



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Toxic information is harming democracies — and my starving daughter

BY LAURA THORNTON

The night nurse at the hospital's eating disorder unit is a quintessential mama bear — tough, but with a sparkle in her eye — and the starving girls follow her around like cubs. As she let me out through security one night in early August, she was ranting about social media companies — "the monster," she called them.

I spent many nights in that hospital because my 13-year-old daughter was disappearing before my eyes. My cheerful, funny, energetic girl had returned from a summer away a ghost of her previous self — sallow skin, sunken eyes, skin and bones under bulky clothes, her mind in a fog.

It was no easy feat to get her into residential care. As I was informed by the specialists in my area, there has been an "explosion" of girls (and some boys) starving themselves, making spaces precious. Why? I've asked literally every professional I've met — nurses, nutritionists, therapists. The answer: extreme diet culture fueled by social media.

Of course, eating disorders predate the internet, and our culture is saturated by body-shaming and unhelpful images. But as one specialist explained to me, because of social media, the degree and depth of warped information that increasingly young children are consuming these days are unparalleled.

The irony is that, for years now, my work has focused on the harms of bad information infiltrating our body politic. When I lived in Eastern Europe, I tracked the impact of Kremlin information operations geared at turning Georgians away from democracy and the West. In my current work, here in the United States, I have examined the proliferation of dis- and misinformation about covid-19 and analyzed how Twitter (now X), Facebook and other platforms have fueled social division, conspiracy theories and distrust in democracy.

Distracted by the harms of the online world in all these ways, I missed the threat inside my home. But as I plunged into my family's new life of anorexia, I was instantly struck by the parallels between my work and the personal crisis we were experiencing.

Yes, it's the platforms.

The Center for Countering Digital Hate conducted research showing that when its accounts on TikTok paused briefly over and "liked" content about mental health or body image, within 2.6 minutes, they were fed content about suicide, and within eight minutes, they were fed content about eating disorders. The Tech Transparency Project's "Thinstagram" research found that Instagram's algorithm amplifies and recommends images of dangerously thin women and accounts of "thinfluencers" and anorexia "coaches."

Thus, we see social media overflowing with clips of girls showing off their ribs and challenges to see if their knees are wider than their thighs. My daughter — who understands how these images fueled her disorder and who consented to my writing about her — has described the "meal plan" contests online, with girls bragging about how little they eat.

Worse, the platforms are aware of and profiting from this, as whistleblower Frances Haugen, formerly of Facebook, helped expose. The platform's *own analysis* shows it harms children.

Those of us working against malign information operations are intimately familiar with the ways these platforms operate: Bad, angry information is promoted over the good. Engagement is prioritized over authoritative, constructive content. On YouTube, even when there are multiple complaints and warnings, false content often remains in active circulation.

Hostile actors undermining our democracy and society tap into fear and build community, and can be cultlike in their ability to brainwash. The same is true of the online cult of eating disorders, in which "starvation chat groups" gather fellow travelers, and eating disorder gurus exploit their followers' fears — planting the idea that you will be hideous and an outcast if you are not thin. The word my daughter uses most about food: "scary."

I am not absolving myself of responsibility for my daughter's condition. I know that many children are on social media and not anorexic (thank goodness), and other concerns are at play with my child. I haven't slept in a long time. I will never know if my daughter would have been fine without social media. Perhaps not. But my daughter has ideas that can have no other source.

There have been ample stories like mine, articles written, research conducted and congressional hearings held. So why are we still here?

If the business incentives of platforms are at odds with our well-being, we cannot expect them to self-regulate. Yet efforts at external regulation have faced political inertia or opposition, and the influence of money in our body politic. (Take, for instance, Senate Bill 680 in California, which would have held social media companies responsible for promoting harmful content about eating disorders, self-harm and drug use — and which failed after aggressive lobbying by the tech industry.)

In tackling threats to democracy, our Nordic friends have embraced the "whole of society" approach, involving all sectors — legislatures, the judiciary, private enterprise, civil society. The same must happen in the United States.

Congress could create an independent regulator to provide audits and oversight, and force changes to platform architecture — safety by design. It could pass the Kids Online Safety Act, which would require platforms to automatically enable the strongest safety settings, allow minors to mute algorithmic recommendations and give parents more oversight. It could also hold platforms accountable for harm, as the European Union has done.

The courts can also weigh in — and they will have a chance thanks to a class-action lawsuit filed in September 2022 that alleges that the design of social media platforms has endangered the health of children.

The private sector has a role to play, too. Companies can either call out social media and advocate to protect children, as seen in a heart-wrenching Dove ad about toxic beauty content. Or they can collaborate with platforms such as Instagram in ways that send harmful messaging to girls, as the Brandy Melville clothing line has done with modeling contests and small-size-only expectations.

Those who want to protect children can also go on offense and build preemptive campaigns — as people in my profession have done, trying to get ahead of disinformation. Working in the former Soviet Union, I was frustrated by how funny, emotive and heartfelt the Kremlin's information operations were, while the United States pathetically countered them with dry 10-point fact sheets. Similarly, videos, chats and images that encourage eating disorders are much more engaging to a 13-year-old than medical research on body dysmorphia.

Civic groups, educators and health institutes can attempt to correct this by flooding the zone with entertaining, body-affirming clickbait that builds girls up rather than rips them down (as the Butterfly Foundation has done in Australia with its "body kind" campaigns). Imagine: retraining the algorithm to favor the good.

As for us, my daughter's phone is in a dumpster. She might get one (without social media) someday to talk to friends. And I wish the tech giants and politicians fighting against reforms would spend one afternoon where my daughter is. Look at these children suffering, listen to them and the professionals saving their lives, and walk away vowing, "Not one more."

If you or someone you know needs help, utilize the National Eating Disorders Association screening tool and access 24/7 Crisis Support via text (send NEDA to 741-741).

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Here's a better way to teach kids to read

BY SUSAN ENGEL AND CATHERINE SNOW

The tribulations of teaching after a pandemic have reawakened concern that American children are not learning to read. Schools are scrambling to rebound from the recent plunge in test scores — but they're scrambling in the wrong direction. Educators have fixated on phonics to treat covid-19 learning loss. In doing so, they are shortchanging something of equal importance: the role knowledge plays in helping children become good readers.

Although learning to identify sounds, letters and words is necessary for reading comprehension, it is not enough. Effective readers connect what is on the page with what they already know. Unfortunately, U.S. schools emphasize decoding words over helping children acquire knowledge.

To be clear, not all kids suffer from poor reading skills. International comparisons indicate that American children below the age of 10 are competent at identifying words and summarizing the main topic of a text.

However, once kids enter middle school — and standardized tests begin measuring deeper levels of reading comprehension — scores nose-dive. By age 15, only 14 percent of U.S. children excel at reading, and nearly 20 percent are failing to read at a baseline proficiency. Most ninth-graders in the country are not skilled at absorbing and using information obtained from written material. When it comes to literacy, schools might be getting students to fourth grade, but they're not getting them past eighth grade.

So, what is deep reading comprehension, and how might we promote it in schools? For starters, it looks different in each discipline. When reading fiction or poetry, deep comprehension involves using subtle cues in the text to make inferences about the characters' underlying emotions. It requires understanding the genre and connecting the material to the era in which the writer lived. It also involves identifying common themes between texts.

When reading in the sciences, deep comprehension consists of calling up relevant background knowledge and integrating it with information from the text. The more foundational knowledge children have about a given domain — the solar system, natural selection or human physiology — the easier it is for them to grasp new information and theories.

Children build upon these pillars of reading comprehension as they mature. By the time they reach 12th grade, these practices allow students to not only understand what they're reading but also to critique it. High-schoolers will read history or journalism and ask: Who wrote this, and what agenda was the writer promoting? How strong is the evidence for each factual claim? And does logic link those facts to the conclusion? With the right approach, we can teach students that skillful reading goes beyond understanding the literal meaning of a text: Deep comprehension means utilizing prior knowledge to dynamically engage with writers and their work.

The process of teaching kids to read better through knowledge acquisition must start early. Data gathered in homes, at schools and in labs show that 1-to-3-year-old children who have conversations with older people learn to read more easily than children who do not.

And it's not just the sheer quantity of conversation that matters. The information embedded in those discussions shapes unfolding literacy skills. When adults talk substantively about events and objects, children are afforded a significant educational advantage: Their growing bodies of knowledge boost their reading skills.

Schools shouldn't wait until kids are old enough to follow Odysseus's journey or analyze the Pentecostal influences in James Baldwin's work to teach them to become strong readers. Though very young children are not developmentally ready to sound out words and interpret sentences at the same time, they *are* ready to engage in lively discussions about what they've read or what has been read to them. Children under 8 can easily speculate on why "The Cat in the Hat" is naughty, why the stepmother of "Hansel and Gretel" is wicked or why leaves turn bright colors in autumn.

Probing conversation is key to helping children become good readers. Such discussion leads to reading comprehension skills that transcend the shallow standards we've set. Phonics are undoubtedly a building block of reading, but schools are preoccupied with this method. To truly fix learning loss, we must help kids gather information and teach them the tools for expanding their knowledge. This is how we produce young students who can read, and read well.

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Then-Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) on Capitol Hill in July.

The House is a mess. It doesn't have to be.

After Mr. McCarthy, there are ways to cut the chaos.

"WELL, I made history, didn't I," Rep. Kevin McCarthy quipped Tuesday after becoming the first speaker of the House voted out of the office. Perhaps the only upside for the nation's suddenly destabilized legislative branch is that the House of Representatives has a clean slate now; the personal animosities that some lawmakers — including a crucial bloc of his fellow Republicans — hold toward Mr. McCarthy (Calif.) are no longer relevant. And his desperation for the gavel is no longer exploitable. The chamber has a chance to make itself more functional.

Though Mr. McCarthy's speakership heretofore was hardly distinguished by principled decisions, as opposed to appeasement of his slender majority's far-right fringe, his downfall ironically came as punishment for a good deed: his surprise weekend decision to shake hands with Democrats on a short-term budget deal, keeping the government open but drawing a leadership challenge from a small number of ultraconservatives. The eight mutinying members of his party, led by Matt Gaetz (Fla.), were angry that Mr. McCarthy committed the apparently unforgivable sin of bridging the partisan divide in the national interest.

It would have taken just a handful of Democrats to keep Mr. McCarthy in the speaker's chair. But some of Mr. McCarthy's less praiseworthy actions came back to haunt him. Democrats could not forgive Mr. McCarthy's groveling before Donald Trump after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, a legitimate grievance he aggravated by opening a bogus impeachment inquiry against President Biden. He refused to offer Democrats any concessions in exchange for their help keeping him on as speaker. Instead, Mr. McCarthy claimed on national television that they wanted to shut down the government. More grace, and less partisanship, might have resulted in a different outcome.

It's unclear how the House will pick a new leader, though two candidates, Majority Leader Steve Scalise (La.) and Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan (Ohio), have come forward. On the off chance anyone in the House is interested in ending the chaos, one way to do it would be for whichever Republican next takes the speakership to deal with Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (N.Y.), soliciting Democrats' support and outlining the road forward on the budget as well as on the unresolved matter of military assistance to Ukraine. Mr. Jeffries and other Democrats, in turn, would have to lend at least tacit support — in the form of voting "present" on matters such as the speaker's election, which would disempower the GOP ultras by changing the math needed to elect the chamber's leader — without demanding a pound of flesh.

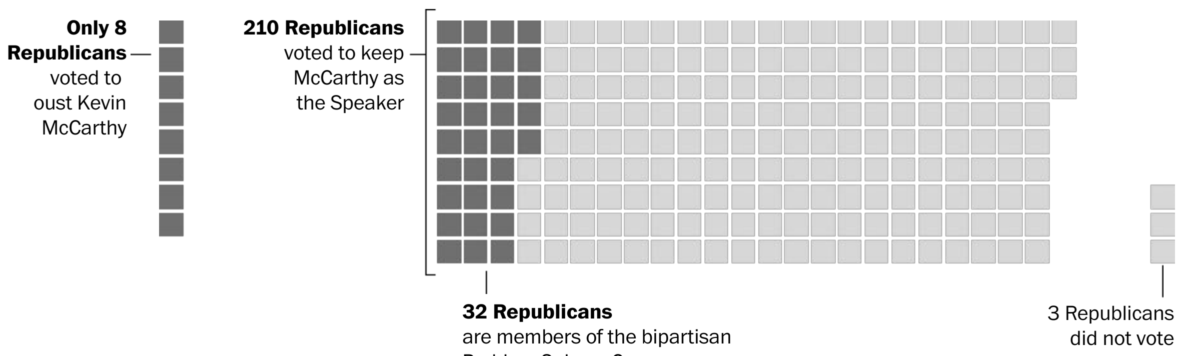
In this hyperpartisan era, that much comity and pragmatism might be too much to hope for. Even less likely, though also in the national interest, would be for moderate members of each party to assert themselves. Only eight Republicans were reckless enough to vote against Mr. McCarthy; more than 200 others understood that chaos isn't conducive to sound policymaking; 32 of those are members of the Problem Solvers Caucus, which is dedicated to bipartisan solutions. They come much closer to representing America's broad middle than does the GOP fringe — or even the rest of the House Republicans. If they were willing to partner with Democrats more often, they could be a more formidable voting bloc capable of sidelining House GOP radicals.

No matter the circumstance, nobody should accept the speakership without more job security than Mr. McCarthy had. To become speaker in the first place, he courted the right fringe by agreeing to amend the "motion to vacate" rule so that any one member could force the chamber to consider firing him. Whoever comes next should insist that the bar be much higher. The last time House ultraconservatives foiled Mr. McCarthy's ambitions, during the 2015 speaker's race, then-Rep. Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) set conditions on agreeing to take the gavel after Mr. McCarthy's bid fell flat among the ultras.

Getting at least that much right is not some arcane matter but a national necessity. The House GOP's next leader will immediately face negotiations with the White House and the Democratic-controlled Senate on funding the government, with a shutdown as the price of failure. If the next speaker is not at least marginally more empowered, as opposed to constantly fearful of another ouster attempt driven by online activists or conservative media personalities, the chaos will continue.

The GOP's chaos caucus is tiny

There are more Republicans in the moderate bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus.



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Reps. Matt Gaetz and Kevin McCarthy speak after the House failed for the 14th time to elect a speaker in January.

ANN TELNAES



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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We shouldn't fear books

What is happening to the freedoms the framers of our democratic government worked so hard to establish and hundreds of thousands of Americans have died to protect? The Sept. 24 Metro article "Warren County library gets temporary reprieve as book debate continues" reported that Samuels Public Library in Front Royal, Va., with roots dating to 1799, is being pressured to restrict young people's access to books with LGBTQ+ themes or lose 80 percent of its operating funds, which come from the county.

What is to be feared from such books? Youths who are contemplating their sexuality should be able to receive sound information from a reputable source. For many, doing so has been lifesaving. For youths who are clear about their sexuality, reading about LGBTQ topics still provides helpful information and will not change who they are.

The freedom to read reliable, science-based publications of whatever kind is basic to the freedoms we enjoy in a democracy. The Bill of Rights, which protects citizens from government's encroachment upon their natural and inalienable rights, was inspired by Thomas Jefferson and drafted by James Madison right here in Virginia. Perhaps they are spinning in their graves to know that book-banning is gaining a foothold in their state.

County leaders are not elected medical researchers or doctors, nor are they trained in the complex subject of sexuality. Left alone by politicians, kids are able to quietly access information they need, and libraries and schools can be the safe, supportive communities that allow our students to become the well-adjusted, clear-minded and respected adults they were born to be.

The United States must continue to be a nation of cherished, established freedoms; we become anything less at our peril.

Jane McKeel, *Falls Church*

Congress has options

The United States is again suffering the embarrassment of nearly having a government shutdown. Delays in funding would have caused disruption and uncertainty. But there is no reason we should allow disputes to grind so much of our government operations to a halt.

We have had proposed solutions, such as allowing agencies to incur obligations but not expend funds during a lapse in funding, for almost at long as we've had government shutdowns, a result of a disastrous opinion of Benjamin Civiletti, President Jimmy Carter's attorney general. His opinion that a lapse in funding meant that government agencies had to cease operations reinterpreted the Antideficiency Act to our ongoing detriment. Within a few months, the General Accounting Office (now known as the Government Accountability Office) had proposals to defuse the shutdown time bomb. Despite multiple shutdowns, Congress has not acted on these proposals.

I believe a bipartisan majority of Congress supports ending these shutdown fiascos. But it is not enough to want to end government shutdowns. Congress also must act and adopt one of the many solutions we have known about for decades.

Jason V. Morgan, *Vienna*

We agreed on interrogation

The Sept. 30 front-page obituary on Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), "Centrist stalwart of the Senate forged a path for women in politics," paid appropriate laudatory tribute to the senator's lifelong record of selfless public service. I greatly admired Ms. Feinstein's fierce determination to always do what she considered best for her country and for her fellow citizens. And, contrary to popular belief, Ms. Feinstein and I had far more areas of agreement than disagreement when she was chair and vice chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee and I was director of the CIA.

Unfortunately, I was misquoted in the obituary when it stated, "Then-CIA Director John Brennan insisted that the interrogation techniques 'did produce intelligence that helped thwart attack plans, capture terrorists, and save lives.' " I said that the "detention and interrogation program" — not the techniques — produced such intelligence. Moreover, I was emphatic that it was "unknowable" whether any "cause-and-effect relationship" existed between the enhanced interrogation techniques, which were applied to less than half of the detainees held, and useful information subsequently provided by those detainees. I also publicly called the techniques "abhorrent."

Ms. Feinstein and I were in sharp agreement on this point.

John Brennan, *Fairfax County*
The writer was director of the CIA from 2013 to 2017.

Circuses don't need animals

Regarding the Oct. 3 Style article "Come one, come all: Ringling's back in town":

Given the undeniable groundswell of public opposition to beating and whipping animals into submission, tearing babies from their frantic mothers, and keeping intelligent and social elephants in chains, audiences are eager to see shows such as the new Ringling circus and other cruelty-free productions. These fresh and innovative performances make it clear that animals don't need to be caged and forced to perform demeaning, painful and confusing tricks to "entertain" people.

So why are the Shriners still putting animals in harm's way in their circuses?

Jennifer O'Connor, *Largo, Fla.*

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Ahoy! It's an armada of crony capitalists!

Wesley Jones, a Republican U.S. senator from Washington, 1909-1932, should be canonized as the patron saint of industrial policy. His contribution to such mischief, which is enjoying a rebirth of respectability, is in its second century of doing damage.

His advocacy of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, a.k.a. the Jones Act, included the usual cant about serving national security and the public interest generally. The act began, however, as garden-variety political parochialism. It survives because it is defended by the "reliance interests" — industries tethered to government favoritism — that industrial policy, a.k.a. protectionism or crony capitalism, invariably produces.

Industrial policy involves government supplanting society's myriad private collaborations — i.e., market transactions — to allocate resources and opportunities as government thinks best. Such policy empowers government, which is politics in every fiber of its being, to supplant markets in shaping the future, deciding which industries and products should prosper. Jones wanted Washington state's shipping industry to prosper, with the help of the other Washington. He particularly wanted to protect his state's shippers from foreign competition serving ports in Alaska — over Alaska's strenuous objections.

The Jones Act today requires that cargo transported by water between U.S. ports must travel in ships that are U.S.-flagged and are at least 75 percent U.S.-owned and -crewed. The ships also must be assembled entirely in the United States, with all major components U.S.-fabricated. Passed immediately after one war, the act was rationalized by anticipation of another. Supposedly protecting the domestic shipping industry from foreign competition would stimulate merchant marine shipbuilding sufficient for military emergencies. Predictably, however, protecting the shipping industry from competition increased costs of shipped goods (costs passed along to U.S. consumers), decreased pressure for efficiencies and contributed to the shrinking of U.S. shipbuilding.

Colin Grabow and Scott Lincicome of the Cato Institute (see below) report that two years after the Jones Act was passed, a government report found that a U.S.-built ship cost 25 percent more than a comparable vessel built abroad. And after a century of the act? "A U.S.-built tanker costs 300 percent more than one built abroad while a U.S.-built containership has a price premium of 400 percent." U.S. shipyards have collectively produced fewer than three a year since 2000.

The Jones Act's strictures for "U.S.-built" ships include: "major components" of the hulls and superstructures, and at least 98.5 percent of the hull and superstructure components' steel weight must be fabricated in the United States. People acquire expensive law degrees to have careers writing such stuff. The 0.5 tacked onto the 98 does, however, perhaps reveal a sly sense of humor.

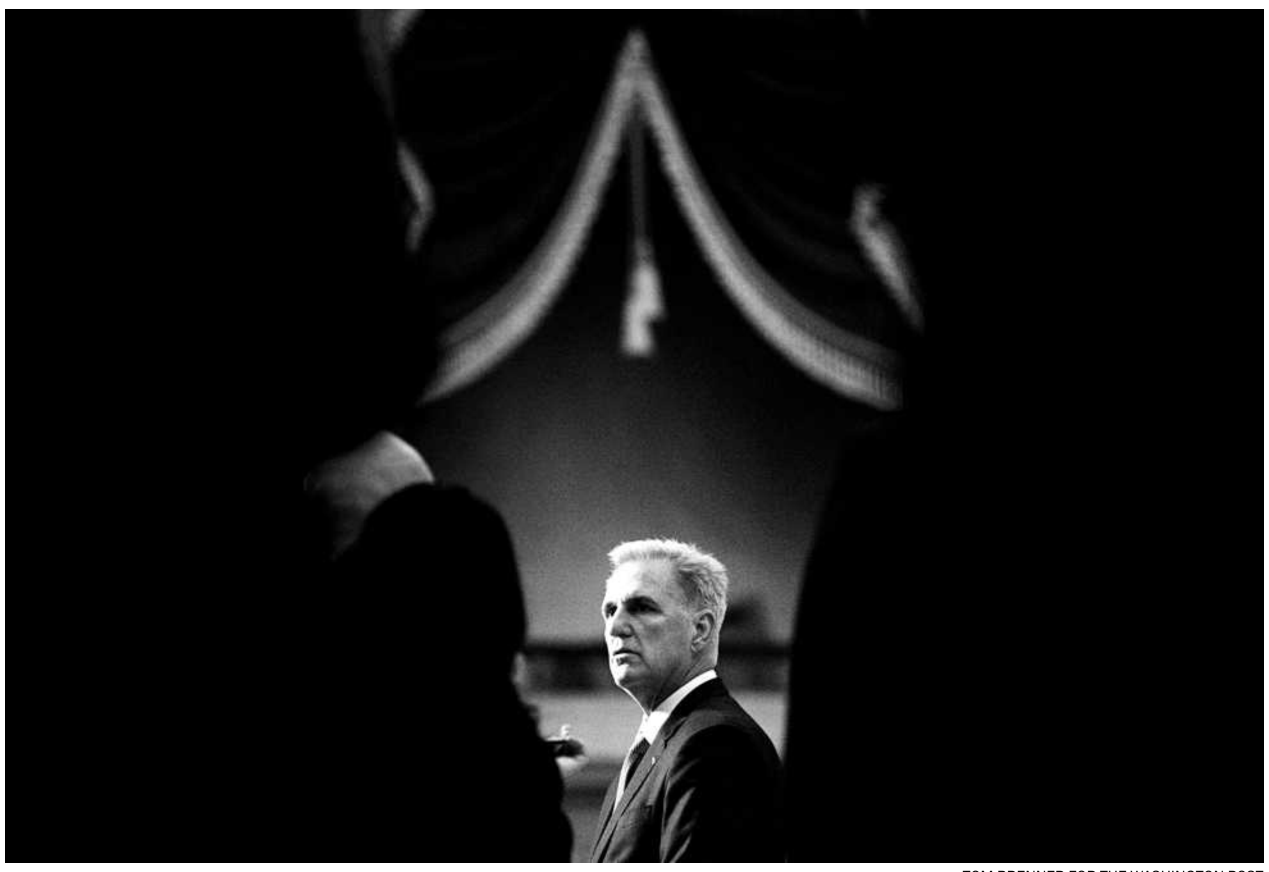
This, however, is not amusing: The quality of the U.S. merchant fleet has national security implications. In Europe, a large, long war of aggression is raging, with the survival of the aggressed-against nation depending on U.S. weapons, munitions and other materials. A much larger war could erupt in Asia, especially if the aggressor doubts the U.S. ability to sustain a protracted conflict.

Jerry Hendrix, a retired Navy captain and senior fellow of the Sagamore Institute, an Indiana think tank, notes in the Atlantic: "In 1977, American shipbuilders produced more than 1 million gross tons of merchant ships. By 2005, that number had fallen to 300,000." In 2022, it was less than 33,000. Norwegian and Dutch yards delivered about 147,000 and 118,000, respectively.

The number of oceangoing cargo ships of at least 1,000 gross tons and meeting Jones Act requirements has declined from "193 to 99 since 2000, and only 78 of those 99 can be deemed militarily useful," wrote Grabow and fellow policy analysts Inu Manak and Daniel Ikenson in 2018. "Facing exorbitant replacement costs, ship owners are compelled to squeeze as much life as possible out of their existing vessels. . . . Excluding tankers, the ships in the Jones Act fleet currently average 30 years old, fully 11 years older than the average age of a ship in the world merchant fleet of other developed countries."

The authors above were writing for the Cato Institute. The libertarian think tank located near Capitol Hill, where crony capitalism originates, disparages the Jones Act. As does the Mercatus Center, which incubates market-oriented ideas at George Mason University.

Cato obtained, through the Freedom of Information Act process, documents related to a 2020 meeting of a committee that advises, on behalf of the U.S. shipping industry, the U.S. Maritime Administration, which oversees the industry. The committee's recommendations included: "Charge all past and present members of the Cato and Mercatus Institutes with treason." Such brainstorming from industrial policy's defenders indicates their assessment of their arguments' persuasiveness.



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Then-House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) speaks to journalists at the U.S. Capitol on Sept. 26.

KAREN TUMULTY

McCarthy's legacy: Damage to the House and his former office

An appeaser, as Winston Churchill memorably suggested, is someone who feeds a crocodile in hopes that it will eat him last.

It was inevitable that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) would be swallowed whole by the small minority of far-right extremists he had done so much to empower, including by changing the rules in a way that effectively gave any one of them the power to call a snap vote to remove him.

What is tragic is the degree to which, in the actions he took to get the job and in the nine months he managed to hold it, McCarthy damaged the House as an institution and debased the speakership itself. That will be the legacy he leaves when his portrait joins the others, starting with Henry Clay, that line the wall of the ornate Speaker's Lobby just outside the House chamber.

"The power of the speaker is to set the agenda," McCarthy's formidable predecessor, Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), once said. "The power of the speaker is awesome. Awesome."

But exercising that power requires a clarity of purpose that goes beyond one's own ambition — something McCarthy never possessed. In last year's midterm campaign, which saw his party positioned within striking distance of regaining the majority, McCarthy unveiled what he called the House Republicans' "Commitment to America."

It claimed to be a blueprint for governing, echoing the GOP's storied 1994 "Contract With America," but it was merely a one-page list of slogans, such as "curb wasteful government spending" and "fight inflation and lower the cost of living."

That Republicans couldn't coalesce behind something more substantive than that was a sign of trouble ahead.

Sure, the job that McCarthy took 15 ballots to win came with a high degree of difficulty: a paper-thin majority, a deeply polarized political climate and the unwise commitments he had made to a small band of radicals who had the power to unseat him. Those concessions never won him anything more than a deepening contempt on their part.

In today's world, the speaker no longer holds the leverage to reward allies and punish enemies by controlling which members wield power — through choice committee assignments, campaign contributions and the like. Now, even the most junior member with a sizable social media following and a willingness to say outrageous things on cable television can raise money and build a power base of his or her own.

There was a time when most Americans probably couldn't have told you who the current speaker — say, Carl Albert or John McCormack — was; the job went to an inside operator in what appeared to be a permanent majority. Now, however, the speaker is both well-known and without any job security. Six of the seven who preceded McCarthy were forced by scandal or political setback to relinquish the gavel.

Still, McCarthy's leadership — if you can call it leadership — was notably rudderless and chaotic. On his watch, the country came to the brink of what could have been a catastrophic default on its debt. His hard-right members regularly humiliated him by blocking vital GOP-backed measures from even coming to a vote on the House floor — among them, recently, one to fund the Pentagon. It was only with the help of Democrats that he managed to muster enough votes Saturday to prevent a government shutdown.

And yet, he continued to try to appease the hard-liners, including by unilaterally opening an impeachment inquiry into President Biden based on allegations — but no evidence — that the president had benefited from the business dealings of his son Hunter.

In a grievance-filled news conference after he announced his decision not to try to get his job back, McCarthy said, with dark humor: "I made history, didn't I?" Indeed, he has left a mark — a scar on the institution and the office — that will be hard to erase.

So now comes the search for a replacement. The only safe prediction at this point seems to be that the process will be an ugly one. During the debate over whether to remove McCarthy, Rep. Bob Good (R-Va.) declared that McCarthy had never seemed to stand on any principle but his own ambition.

"We need a speaker," Good said, "ideally, someone who doesn't want to be speaker."

Given the wreckage of McCarthy's brief tenure, it seems fair to ask: What sane person would?

PERRY BACON JR.

Republicans are in disarray. And still winning.

House Republicans had an unusually hard time electing a speaker in January, and now a bloc of them has forced Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) from the post. It's not clear who will be the next speaker. Congressional Democrats, nonpartisan commentators and even some current and former Republican officials are describing the party as in chaos. And this is nothing new. Over the past decade, backbencher Republicans in the House and Senate and President Donald Trump in particular have deposed congressional leaders, forced fiscal cliffs and government shutdowns, and taken other actions that led to weeks and months of news coverage describing the Republican Party as deeply divided and disorganized.

And yet, the Republican Party is doing pretty well electorally and accomplishing many of its policy goals. Party unity might be overrated, and the Republicans are more unified than they appear in weeks like this one.

Since George W. Bush left office in 2009, the Republican Party has become more right-wing than what came before and, perhaps relatedly, much less respectful of those at the top. In 2013, Sen. Ted Cruz (Tex.) and others in the party's right wing forced a government shutdown, despite the reservations of then-House Speaker John A. Boehner (R). The Ohio congressman resigned as speaker two years later, with the House's conservatives looking to depose him. In 2016, Trump won the Republican presidential primary despite the resistance of most of the party's elected officials and power brokers. Two years later, Boehner's replacement as speaker, Paul D. Ryan (Wis.), resigned, with members of the party's right wing also unhappy with his leadership.

Now, it's McCarthy who has been forced out, after only nine months as speaker. And on the campaign trail, Trump is again dominating a Republican primary over the objections of many of the party's elders.

Contrast that with the Democrats. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) was the top Democrat in the House from 2002 to 2022. Reps. Steny H. Hoyer (Md.) and James E. Clyburn (S.C.) were also on the leadership team for nearly two decades. With Pelosi's backing, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (N.Y.) became the party's leader in the House last year. Joe Biden, of course, served as vice president for eight years. The Democrats' presidential primary in 2020 was very fractious. Otherwise though, the party generally has been fairly respectful of those at the top and unified since the election of Barack Obama as president.

But unity and deference to those at the top aren't everything. Since this new, fractured Republican Party came into being while the Democrats have generally stuck with the same leaders and strategy, the Republicans have won five (2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2022) of the seven House elections, three of the seven Senate elections (2014, 2016, 2018) and one of the three presidential races (2016). They totally control 22 states and dominate the Supreme Court. They have severely curtailed abortion rights, drastically cut corporate taxes and accomplished countless other conservative goals.

Yes, it's likely that a less chaotic Republican Party would have done even better electorally. The Republicans probably would have won control of the Senate in November if the candidates preferred by Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) were nominated in every state, instead of some of Trump's favorites. Maybe the Republicans would have won the House by more seats in 2014 or last year if voters could trust the party to govern competently. Perhaps incumbent President Jeb Bush or John Kasich wins reelection in 2020.

But that would be a more moderate Republican Party — which many conservatives don't want.

The appearance of disorder and disorganization on Capitol Hill obscures a consistent story: The right wing of the party keeps getting stronger, often at the expense of the old guard.

That shift right has led to lots of infighting and had some electoral costs. But it also yielded real policy benefits, at least if you are very conservative. A Kasich administration almost certainly wouldn't have gone as far in trying to curtail immigration as Trump's did. Both in 2011 and this year, the most conservative House Republicans were able to force government funding cuts by delaying the raising of the debt ceiling the raising of the debt ceiling. The 45-day government funding bill adopted last week didn't include funding to support Ukraine's fight against Russia, frustrating McConnell, because Trump-aligned House conservatives objected.

The Bush brothers, Boehner and McConnell don't seem to like this version of the Republican Party much. But I suspect many conservatives who aren't on Capitol Hill but have considerable power are pretty satisfied. Rupert Murdoch, Leonard Leo, Charles Koch and others have helped create a Republican Party that is constantly moving to the right, despite the objections of its official leaders.

As a person on the left, I hope I'm wrong about all of this. Maybe the Republican Party has just gotten lucky; all of this disarray will eventually catch up to them and Democrats will easily win both houses of Congress and the presidency next year. But I doubt it. The Republicans are likely to be very competitive in next year's elections — no matter who their speaker is.

JIM GERAGHTY

Populist passions, not Trump, rule the GOP

You know what's odd? The Republican Party is, by and large, terrified of Donald Trump, and yet there was little sign that any of the House Republicans seeking to oust Kevin McCarthy from the speakership worried about what the former president thought of their machinations.

And Trump was oddly quiet as the campaign against McCarthy unfolded. Asked at a campaign stop in Ottumwa, Iowa, on Sunday, whether he would support a move against McCarthy by Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz, Trump said: "I don't know anything about those efforts, but I like both of them very much." He said he thought it was "too early" to comment, even though the matter was expected to come to a head within days.

Trump's unwillingness to go to bat for McCarthy could reflect his distraction with his civil fraud trial in Manhattan or the consistent pattern of loyalty being a one-way street with Trump. (He did note of McCarthy, "He said very nice things about me and the job I've done, so I appreciate that.") But there's one other angle worth chewing over.

Every once in a great while, Trump throws out some argument that his usually adoring base just flatly rejects.

The former president was oddly quiet as the campaign against Kevin McCarthy unfolded.

For a brief while during the pandemic, Trump boasted about the effectiveness and the quick development of the vaccines against the coronavirus. But in December 2021, when Trump said he had received a booster shot, it was one of the few times a crowd at his rallies booed him. Rather than try to convince his base, Trump dropped the matter. Earlier this year, in a Fox News interview, Trump said of the vaccine: "I really don't want to talk about it because, as a Republican, it's not a great thing to talk about, because for some reason it's just not."

Trump doesn't lead his supporters; his supporters lead him.

Maybe Trump is waiting to get a feel for how McCarthy's jettisoning — and the ensuing House chaos amid the scramble to replace him — is going over with the base. Then he will decide whether, as a Republican, it's a great thing to talk about.

Not that McCarthy is particularly popular with the MAGA crowd — after all, as the speaker, he was the "establishment" — and Gaetz is the outsider, the rebel, the bomb-thrower. Trump could have defended McCarthy, but maybe Trump's base would see that as the former president losing his way, going soft and getting too comfortable with "the swamp."

For now, the episode is yet one more entry in the history of loyalty to Trump inspiring little loyalty in return. Since the moment Trump became the Republican nominee in 2016, McCarthy has been almost unstintingly on his side. There was the occasional slip-up, as when McCarthy said he felt Trump could win the 2024 election but he didn't know whether Trump was the "strongest to win the election." He changed his tune quickly after that.

McCarthy hasn't formally endorsed Trump for president yet, but last month, he walked right up to the line: "President Trump is beating Biden right now in the polls. He is stronger than he has ever been in this process. . . . I served with Ron DeSantis. He's not at the same level as President Trump by any shape or form. He would not have gotten elected" as Florida's governor "without President Trump's endorsement."

Trump certainly didn't stick his neck out to defend McCarthy, but he also didn't publicly sign off on Gaetz's effort to oust the speaker. For a man with strong opinions about everything under the sun, Trump looked ambivalent.

If he had wanted to keep McCarthy in the speaker's chair, he probably could have. Trump could have unleashed a torrent of rage at Gaetz on his Truth Social platform, as he does toward just about anyone who defies him or even bothers him. Heck, if Trump had called Gaetz and told him to back down, Gaetz might well have surrendered.

But Gaetz never seemed afraid that by attacking McCarthy he risked Trump's wrath.

Now the congressman has set off a civil war within the House GOP. Hours before McCarthy lost the vote to retain his speakership on Tuesday, Trump — still unwilling to tip his hand — wrote on Truth Social, "Why is it that Republicans are always fighting among themselves, why aren't they fighting the Radical Left Democrats who are destroying our Country?"

Hmm. If only the most powerful person in the Republican Party could have done something to influence these events.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Better to buy soaps and shampoos minus the water content



Climate Coach

MICHAEL J. COREN

Looking around my bathroom a few years ago, I noticed two things. Almost everything came in a plastic container. And despite being labeled soap, conditioner or shampoo, most products' first ingredient was water.

Why was I spending so much money on plastic containers filled with water rather than the active ingredients? I began rethinking the contents of my bathroom.

The first thing to go was my shaving kit. Instead of shaving gel, I sprang for shaving soap pucks. While slightly more expensive upfront, I got a closer, smoother shave with my stainless steel safety razor.

Then I started thinking about lotions, conditioners and creams in the bathroom. Most were once sold as powders, tablets and concentrates. But as plastics became more popular, adding water and repackaging personal care products in bigger containers became far cheaper and more convenient for manufacturers, creating a lot more waste.

"No one really asked for plastics," says Judith Enck, president of Beyond Plastics and a former regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency. "We're spending a lot of money and a lot of greenhouse gas emissions shipping water all around the world."

As customer demand shifts, and single-use plastic bans loom, manufacturers are now racing to reformulate their products. In the process, customers are rediscovering the appeal of earlier formulations for home and personal care products.

Once limited to co-ops or health food stores, these products are now appearing in the aisles at Target and Walmart. So I gave them a try. Here's why they're worth a look.



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Plastic everywhere

For centuries, humanity mostly relied on glass, metal, wood and ceramics to ship things around. That had drawbacks. Shipping small, individually sized foods and liquids was often expensive. For some products, it was impossible to do economically.

Single-use plastic changed this. After growing explosively during World War II, the plastics industry repurposed itself to serve the booming consumer economy. Plastics were durable, light, cheap, endlessly versatile — and disposable. Extraordinarily cheap and convenient plastic packaging including cellophane and bubble wrap quickly became the preferred way to ship goods. Today, global production of plastic exceeds 450 million metric tons, roughly 122 pounds for every person on the planet every year, and growing.

It has also made a colossal mess. Plastics are everywhere, including inside us. The typical person ingests considerable quantities of microplastics as the material breaks down into ever-smaller particles — as much as 5 grams, or about a credit card's worth, per week, according to one estimate from the World Wildlife Federation. Scientists are finding microplastics throughout our bodies, including in breastmilk and brain tissue.

And so far, plastic recycling remains mostly aspirational. Just 9 percent of the world's plastic waste was recycled in 2019, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. In the United States, only about 4 percent of plastic ever lands in a recycling bin, a number that is declining as more is landfilled, burned or tossed as litter. Nearly half of this plastic waste is packaging.

What's the alternative?

Stéphanie Regni was frustrated by the disposable plastics surrounding her at the grocery store, so she would drive for miles to refill reusable containers at a co-op in San Francisco.

But she wanted to find a way to make zero-waste shopping easier. So in 2016, she founded Fillgood, a store focused on reducing single-use plastics from home, bath and body products. Many of her products are powders, pellets and concentrates. They come in minimal paper packaging because removing water from the products eliminated the need for containers. For liquids, customers can refill from 30-gallon drums that are sent back to the distributor.

Fillgood's primary customers were once zero-waste fans like Regni. But today, a new demographic is coming into her store in Berkeley, Calif.: "People that have never heard of zero-waste stores," she says.

How much waste does this prevent? It varies by product. Shampoo bars replace two to three bottles of liquid shampoo, 552 million of which end up in landfills each year, estimates Johnson & Johnson. For concentrates, Unilever, one of the world's largest consumer goods companies, says its dilute-at-home laundry detergent, a 6x concentrate, uses 70 percent less plastic and reduces distribution emissions by 83 percent — although most emissions come from materials.

Not all the early formulations Regni sourced worked well. "We've had some ups and downs," she says. For example, many shampoo bars without cleansing agents known as surfactants are essentially soap and too acidic for hair, leaving people with bad experiences.

But over the past few years, she says, more large and small brands have introduced no-waste products that rival or even outperform conventional formulations at competitive prices. Regni estimates since 2016 these have helped her customers avoid 200,000 plastic containers.

"People are not going to transition to products that are not as good and efficient. If it doesn't work as well, it's not going to work out."

How to get started

In my home, I went product by product: toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and even liquid hand soap. For each one, I found dozens of mostly plastic- and water-free alternatives.

The experience wasn't always the same, but I found these products performed just as well, only differently — with none of the waste.

Toothpaste tablets, for example, took some getting used to. They need a few seconds to dissolve in your mouth before they work like the tube-dispensed stuff you know. Toothpaste tablets from unPaste, for example, sell for about $10 for a two-month supply and come in various flavors. That made ditching the old tube easy.

I tried a few shower bars and landed on Sustainabar's shampoo and conditioner. It works great on my (admittedly low-maintenance) hair. One $10 bar lasts about 80 washes, equivalent to two bottles of commercial shampoo. It lathers and cleans exactly like the standard shampoo I used previously. The conditioner leaves my hair soft and without residue, not unlike the expensive, salon-brand formulas I've tried.

I also felt silly buying a new bottle of hand soap every time I ran out. So I ordered refill tablets from Blueland, a fast-growing company founded in 2019 that says it has sold more than 10 million nontoxic products. The tablets are designed to be dropped into a reusable dispenser, which is then filled with water.

Some products were more expensive upfront, but many paid for themselves over time.

Did I miss the convenience of plastic? No. The experience wasn't worse — just slightly different. And I discovered other conveniences. Since most concentrates or solids come as low-cost subscriptions, I took the standard items off my in-person shopping list. The products arrive at my doorstep just a few times per year, and they're easy to store in compact spaces. Eventually, I'll try replacing almost all my household products with these new formulations.

The future of toiletries

Will these products be enough to change the market? Perhaps. But regulation will probably be needed to make plastic-free the default option.

Traditional manufacturers enjoy a steady supply of cheap plastics, along with enormous economies of scale. The fracking boom in the United States produces huge amounts of ethane, one of plastic's chemical building blocks. Billions of dollars have been invested to turn it into packaging. Robin Waters, at the data and analytics firm IHS Markit, told Yale Environment 360 that unless plastic production slows, "they'll just find something else to wrap in plastic."

But manufacturers are being forced to find alternatives — or pay for the problem. Colorado, Maine, Oregon and California have all passed extended producer responsibility programs requiring manufacturers or other responsible parties to collect, recycle and manage their packaging, similar to programs that now cover paint, carpets, batteries and mattresses. More than a dozen other states are considering such programs. One of the most ambitious, in Washington state, requires 90 percent of packaging materials to be reused or recycled by 2040.

Manufacturers have responded by reworking their products and packaging with biodegradable plastics, fiber- and paper-based materials, and creating formulas without water.

But unless they can match today's performance — grab a bottle at the store, bring it home, use it and toss it — the new stuff is a hard sell. Cost and convenience favor plastics, says Muhammad Rabnawaz, an associate professor at the Michigan State University School of Packaging. "Right now, companies are going in every direction," he says. "We got used to convenience, and the customer doesn't want to let it go."

Yet the definition of convenience may change. It's inconvenient, after all, for microscopic remains of toothpaste tubes and shampoo bottles to infuse the air we breathe, the water we drink and even our bodies. Or to stoke climate change merely by buying soap.

Poll finds a majority of Americans don't hate living near solar, wind farms

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As renewable energy becomes more widespread in the United States, large and bipartisan majorities of Americans say they wouldn't mind fields of solar panels and wind turbines being built in their communities, according to a Washington Post-University of Maryland poll.

Three-quarters of all Americans say they would be comfortable living near solar farms while nearly 7 in 10 report feeling the same about wind turbines. And these attitudes appear to remain largely consistent regardless of where people live. According to the poll, 69 percent of residents in rural and suburban areas say they would be comfortable if wind turbines were constructed in their area, as do 66 percent of urban residents.

General comfort with green energy infrastructure crosses party lines, with 66 percent of Republicans saying they are comfortable with a field of solar panels being built in their community and 59 percent comfortable with wind turbines. Among Democrats, 87 percent are comfortable with solar farms and 79 percent with wind farms. By contrast, fewer than half of Democrats or Republicans would welcome a nuclear power plant in their community.

In the United States, widespread support for renewable energy appears to have been fairly consistent over the years, said Leah Stokes, an associate professor of environmental politics at the University of California at Santa Barbara. But while backing renewables remains popular among many Americans, experts say progress can be impeded by a small, yet vocal, opposition, which can be driven in part by the sentiment of "Not in My Backyard," or NIMBYism.

"I'm only 27, but I've seen climate change. And if we keep trending this way, it worries me."

Samantha Brown,
a Bronx resident who is comfortable with installing solar panels and wind farms

"Deploying lots of renewable electricity is not a slam dunk," said Doug Vine, director of energy analysis at the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions. "We know things like permitting reform and NIMBYism are a challenge for renewable electricity and transmission projects. The closer that these projects get to where many people are, the more challenges that can arise."

A need for renewables

The United States is the world's second-largest greenhouse gas emitter, and one-quarter of the country's carbon dioxide emissions come from electricity generation. President Biden has set a goal of eliminating carbon pollution from the U.S. power sector by 2035 — a target that necessitates a massive shift from fossil fuels.

Many Americans appear to recognize the critical role renewable energy sources play in reducing emissions and combating climate change. According to the Post-UMD poll, the more concerned people say they are with climate change, the more likely they are to feel comfortable with wind and solar farms being built in their communities.

Patrick Reynolds, 48, who lives in Fort Worth, said he is very comfortable with large-scale solar or wind farms in his community.

"It seems to be better for the environment and better for the health of humanity," said Reynolds, a Republican. He added that he is in the process of installing solar panels on the roof of his home.

"I've always had a love for the environment," he said. "I believe if you take care of the environment, the environment will take care of you."

Samantha Brown, who lives in the Bronx but grew up in Upstate New York, agrees. "I'm only 27, but I've seen climate change. And if we keep trending this way, it worries me. . . . What will things look like for my [future] children one day if things aren't mitigated?"

The rural community where she grew up used grants to install solar panels that now provide energy to the local public schools. And they also have wind turbines that she says brought revenue to local industries. "We are a relatively poor community in rural America, and we embraced solar," she said. And while her upstate community has "a lot of hills and space" to install solar panels and wind turbines, she sees the potential in the Bronx as well.

Comfort with solar and wind farms spans urban and rural areas

Q: Would you be comfortable or uncomfortable if each of these were built in your community? (Percent saying comfortable)

	OVERALL	URBAN	SUBURBAN	RURAL
A field of solar panels	75%	79%	74%	71%
Wind turbines	68	66	69	69
Nuclear power plant	33	35	30	38

Source: July 13-23, 2023, Washington Post-University of Maryland poll of 1,404 adults with an error margin of +/- 3.5 percentage points, including 549 people in urban areas, 635 in suburban areas and 220 in rural areas with error margins between 5.5-9 points.

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Most Americans, including Democrats and Republicans, say they would be comfortable with solar panels and wind turbines in their communities

Q: Would you be comfortable or uncomfortable if each of these were built in your community? (Percent saying comfortable)

	OVERALL	DEM	REP	IND
A field of solar panels	75%	87%	66%	72%
Wind turbines	68	79	59	67
Nuclear power plant	33	25	44	33

Source: July 13-23, 2023, Washington Post-University of Maryland poll of 1,404 adults with an error margin of +/- 3.5 percentage points, including 531 Democrats, 325 Republicans and 431 independents with error margins between 6-7.5 points.

"There's opportunity for solar anywhere," she said. "You can integrate solar onto existing buildings."

That comes across in the Post-UMD polling data, too. The poll finds 79 percent of urban residents feel comfortable with a field of solar panels being built in their community, as do 74 percent of suburban residents and 71 percent of rural residents.

The weight of opposition

The number of people who oppose projects is typically small, but their views can have outsize effects, said Stokes, who recently published a study on opposition to wind energy in North America.

"It isn't what the majority of people think, but they are managing to make a significant dent in wind energy development in this country," she said.

Ricky Richards, 64, of Clifton, Tex., cited the potential negative effects on property values and the environmental impact on land as reasons he felt very uncomfortable with a large solar or wind farm in his rural community southwest of Dallas.

"I have neighbors now who used to have a view out their front porch of a green pasture, now they basically have a 300-acre mirror in their front yard that reflects light into their house," said Richards, a civil engineer who identifies as a Republican.

For community members who have concerns about renewable energy infrastructure being built near where they live, experts say one effective action is early and regular engagement. Vine said his organization has arranged regional roundtables that bring together local governments, academics, environmental groups, community representatives and project developers to dive into various issues related to renewables.

"That's the secret sauce in making sure that these things come together," he said.

The poll was conducted by The Post and the University of Maryland's Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement from July 13 to July 23. The sample of 1,404 U.S. adults was drawn from the NORC AmeriSpeak Panel, an ongoing survey panel recruited through random sampling of U.S. households. Overall results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points; the error margin is larger among subgroups.

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D.C. SNAP recipients could get boosted aid

Excess revenue may also help those excluded from pandemic relief funds

BY MEAGAN FLYNN

Low-income families who rely on food assistance and workers who were excluded from pandemic aid, such as undocumented immigrants, are expected to receive millions in boosted benefits and cash, respectively, after the District ended up in better financial shape than expected this fall.

Not everyone thought it would actually happen. It was a contingency plan situation, where D.C. could only fund the programs if there was money to spare at the end of the fiscal year. And it seemed like a big if. The city had trudged through a tough budget year, pleaded with federal workers to come back to its empty office buildings, and grasped for new ways to revitalize downtown as the commercial real estate market struggled.

Yet after all that, the District's chief financial officer delivered some good news as the fiscal year came to a close Sept. 30: Although some long-term risks remain worrisome — such as a projection that 25 percent of D.C.'s office and commercial building space will be vacant by 2026 — for now, the office revised the city's 2023 revenue estimates upward by $178.8 million. That was largely thanks to higher-than-expected sales tax and corporate income tax revenue.

Now, that increase will allow D.C. to temporarily boost food assistance benefits by nearly $40 million, and give $20 million in direct cash assistance to certain workers who were locked out of federal pandemic aid, such as undocumented immigrants.

"It actually shows the strength

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Mothers of students who attend Morgan State University in Baltimore offer hugs outside Thurgood Marshall Hall on Wednesday. A shooting Tuesday night left five people injured and prompted a massive police response and a shelter-in-place order.

Reeling after shooting, Morgan State cancels classes and some homecoming festivities

Baltimore university will also increase security measures after gunfire left five people wounded

BY LAUREN LUMPKIN, JASMINE HILTON AND JUSTIN JOUVENAL

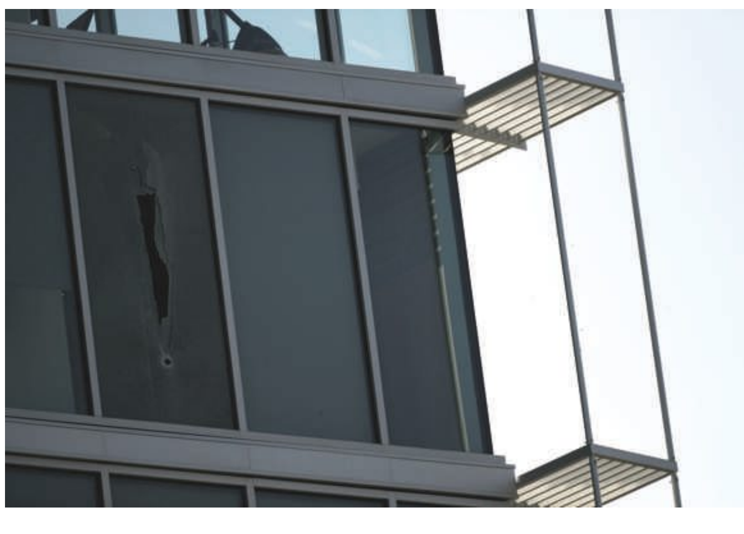
Morgan State University took the unprecedented step Wednesday of canceling or postponing homecoming activities as police continued to investigate who was behind a shooting on campus Tuesday night that left five people injured and prompted a massive police response and a shelter-in-place order.

University President David K. Wilson said he was taking the step — and canceling classes for the rest of the week — to ensure the safety of students on the campus of the historically Black university in Baltimore. He said the school would also increase security measures.

"Please understand that the safety of our campus is of the utmost importance and our resolve in ensuring that we have a secure campus is paramount," Wilson wrote in a message to the school community. "We strongly believe that this moment calls for reflection, thus allowing our students, faculty and staff the opportunity to focus on their mental wellness."

Homecoming is a major celebration on campus, but this was the third straight year that gunfire had marred the annual festivities. The

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A window on the seventh floor of Morgan State University's Thurgood Marshall Hall was damaged during the shooting.

Virginia library's funding restored

POLICIES ON LGBTQ BOOKS UNCHANGED

Deal in Front Royal removes threat of closure

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER

The Samuels Public Library in Front Royal will get its funding fully restored and avoid having Warren County supervisors control its handling of LGBTQ-related books under an agreement signed Tuesday by library and county leaders.

The deal removes the threat of closure that had hung over the library since June, when the county withheld most of its funding for the coming year after a group of conservative activists sought the removal of LGBTQ books aimed at young readers. The standoff marked the first time the national conservative movement against books for children about gender and sexual orientation had threatened a public library in Virginia, though several school systems have wrestled with the issue.

Under the new arrangement, Samuels agreed to include a member of the county supervisors on its executive committee, a subset of the 15-member board of trustees, which has always included a representative from the county board. The library trustees also agreed to consider candidates suggested by the county supervisors when seeking to appoint new library board members.

The county had sought to gain control of the library board, which operates as a private nonprofit and has roots dating to 1799. But the library's trustees rejected the takeover attempt, saying they had instituted parental controls in response to the controversy and would not consider further steps that they regarded as discriminating against LGBTQ patrons.

In a nod to both the recent

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Md. finds interim education leader

BY VALERIE STRAUSS, OVETTA WIGGINS AND NICOLE ASBURY

The Maryland State Board of Education on Wednesday unanimously appointed Carey Wright, a former schools chief in Mississippi who began her career in Maryland, to serve as interim state superintendent while a national search is conducted to replace the departing Mohammed Choudhury.

Wright is known in the education world as the Mississippi superintendent who raised student reading and math performance in a state that for decades had abysmal results on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, a standardized test sometimes called the "gold standard" of student assessment because it is seen as the most consistent nationally representative measure of U.S. student achievement since the 1990s. She retired from the post in June 2022 and now lives in Baltimore County, according to an interview she gave to Maryland Matters.

"We've got a grand opportunity here to ensure strong, equitable outcomes for all of our students," Wright said after the state board vote. "And I just want you to know I intend to take advantage of that opportunity."

The decision comes at a critical time for Maryland as it begins a historic $3.8 billion program to transform the state's public educa-

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Raskin, others urge IRS to waive penalty on Md. 529 prepaid accounts

BY DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL

Members of Maryland's congressional delegation are asking the Internal Revenue Service to spare families invested in the state's prepaid college savings plan from a hefty tax penalty they could face to access the money in their accounts.

The request comes months after Maryland's state treasurer said his office would retroactively apply a 6 percent earnings rate to prepaid accounts that had been frozen for more than a year after what the 529 agency called a calculation error that incorrectly inflated balances.

During the suspension of earnings, 500 families rolled over the principal balance of their accounts into Maryland's traditional 529 plan. But they must file a claim with the state to get the retroactive earnings, then roll that money over again.

By law, owners of 529 accounts are limited to one tax-free rollover per beneficiary within a 12-month period. Additional rollovers during that time would be subject to a 10 percent tax penalty. Lawmakers, citing the "unique and unexpected circumstances" related to the 529 accounts, are urging the IRS to let families execute additional rollovers from their prepaid accounts without penalty.



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Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.) and other lawmakers are advocating for families invested in the state's prepaid college savings plan.

"This is a matter of basic fairness for thousands of our constituents," said Rep. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Md.), who led the group of lawmakers in sending a letter Wednesday to the agency. "We hope the IRS can act."

Raskin signed the letter alongside Reps. David Trone, C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger and John Sarbanes, and Sen. Chris Van Hollen — all Democratic lawmakers.

"The [prepaid college trust] account errors caused considerable financial and emotional hardship on many parents and students," the lawmakers wrote in the letter to the IRS. "We ask you to help alleviate this situation facing many of our constituents."

Lisa Getter Peterson, an account holder who has helped organize parents, brought the tax issue to the attention of congressional lawmakers over the summer.

"Why should account holders

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In poll, Marylanders prefer tough stance on youth crime

Over half say strict laws can 'better help children' who commit offenses

BY OVETTA WIGGINS

A new poll found that most Maryland residents, including Black Democrats, support a tough-on-crime stance toward youth violence, favoring laws that include detention and boot camps for juveniles over laws that prescribe social programs and counseling.

Fifty-nine percent of Maryland residents said strict laws would "ultimately better help children under 18 who commit crimes" while 35 percent said laws characterized as more lenient, which acknowledge society bears responsibility for much of the behavior, would be the best strategy, according to a Gonzales Research poll released Tuesday.

The findings come as the state legislature weighs how to address a surge in youth gun violence and carjackings, and as law enforcement officials and some legislators seek to unwind recent laws that have taken a more systemic or holistic approach to addressing juvenile crime.

Youth crime in the state is down overall, mirroring a national trend, according to a recent Department of Juvenile Services analysis, which shows juvenile arrests were down by 17 percent in fiscal 2023 compared with fiscal 2020.

A majority of almost every demographic group polled by Gonzales Research and Media Services, in this case men, women, Black people, White people, Republicans and independents, said strict laws should be in place to combat juvenile crime.

Democrats were the only demographic group surveyed as nearly split on the question, with 46 percent preferring strict laws and 47 percent preferring lenient laws. Nearly 62 percent of Black Democrats said they preferred strict laws. Democrats make up a strong majority in Maryland and Black people make up a large voting bloc of the party.

Public safety has commanded attention from legislators in recent months as elected officials field reports of problems bubbling up in their communities. During a recent Maryland House Judiciary Committee meeting, Del. Karen

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Theresa Vargas

She is away. Her column will resume when she returns.

For first time, Morgan State calls off homecoming events

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university said it was canceling a concert, a pep rally and a parade, while a football game and a gala would be delayed. Wilson said it was the first time in the school's history the events had been called off.

Tuesday's shooting happened around 9:25 p.m. near Thurgood Marshall Hall, a dorm, shortly after another homecoming event, the Mister & Miss Morgan State University coronation.

Baltimore Police Commissioner Richard Worley said at a news conference Wednesday that the gunfire was probably the result of a dispute between two groups but that none of the victims were the intended targets of the mayhem. Four of the victims — ages 18 to 22 — were Morgan State students, and the fifth was not identified. All suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

It was unclear how many people opened fire during the shooting that sent students fleeing across campus, but Worley said at least three had weapons. Police have not released descriptions of the people involved in the shooting or detailed the nature of the dispute that prompted it, but said video evidence and interviews had given them a sense of what unfolded.

"We know there was more than one person with a weapon, but the problem is ballistics has to tell us how many guns were shot," Worley said. "One individual was a target of two individuals who had weapons. We don't believe that individual was hit."

Morgan State is the largest HBCU in Maryland, with more than 9,000 students.

The Baltimore campus was largely deserted Wednesday, and a somber mood prevailed.

Felicia Edwards stood outside a dorm waving a sign that read "Free Hugs from a Morgan Mom" as rattled students trickled out past yellow police tape.

Many took Edwards up on the offer.

After learning her daughter was safe, Edwards said she woke up Wednesday thinking of ways to help. She put on a blue-and-orange Morgan State hat and matching T-shirt and headed to the campus. "A lot of parents aren't here; they can't get here like I can," she said.

"Are you okay?" Edwards and two other women asked two students.

"Yeah, we're okay," a student in a blue hoodie said.

Behind her, and several floors up, were the remnants of a large window that had been damaged by bullets. As of Wednesday morning, Edwards had given about 20 hugs.

Michael Yates, a 20-year-old junior, had attended Tuesday's coronation at the Carl J. Murphy Fine Arts Center. There were dancers and singers performing among hundreds there to celebrate a decades-long tradition. The event ended around 9 p.m.

Yates, who uses they/them pronouns, said the event had been joyful. But the scene quickly turned to terror.

"I was getting ready to start heading toward my car, and the next thing I know . . . we saw people start running," Yates said. Some said there was a shooting.

Yates and friends started off to the student center as police in helicopters announced a lockdown. By the time they got to the center, the building's doors were locked. The garage was still open.

"Me and my friends, we were kind of sitting ducks," Yates said. "At that point, everything was on lockdown for everyone."

Yates and their group of about 10 friends waited in a raised hallway inside the parking garage attached to the student center before eventually fleeing the campus.

Police initially thought the shooting might have been an attempted mass killing. They cordoned off buildings and deployed a SWAT team to search the campus. Video posted on social media showed officers searching a dorm room occupied by students after yelling "police!" The lockdown was lifted on campus around 12:30 a.m. Wednesday. The university canceled classes for the day.

"The young people that went through this trauma were extremely cooperative," Worley said. "They helped us in every way they could, especially when we had to come into their buildings and dorm rooms."

Wilson said in a message to campus earlier Wednesday that "we will march on with determination to keep moving on."

But that wasn't easy.

Breya Link, 19, walked into the Thurgood Marshall Hall for the first time since the shooting. She was staying with her aunt elsewhere in Baltimore on Tuesday night and hesitated to return to her dorm.

"It's insane," she said. "People got shot inside of my building. It could have been me."

The walkways outside the student center, usually full of activity, were mostly empty Wednesday.

Kevin Rowland said he was on his way to the business school building, where volunteers were handing out food and offering shelter to students affected by the shooting. Rowland said he was nearby last October when a 20-year-old student was shot on campus. The year before that, an 18-year-old student was shot near the school's Montebello complex.

"It's bad to say, I'm used to it," Rowland said.

About 50 people gathered inside the school's small chapel Wednesday.

They passed around a microphone and shared tearful prayers.

"Keep your head up, Morgan; you are amazing," said one woman, an alumna. She remarked on the "excellence" she saw at the coronation and how quickly the community came together to protect one another after shots rang out. "The enemy's plans didn't work," she said. "God made sure that every child went home last night."

Another chapel-goer broke out into song, crooning, "We worship you, our Lord. You are worthy to be praised," until nearly everyone sang along. They rocked slowly back and forth in the creaking wooden pews.

Charity Couzens and Karisse Corke-Salandy, both freshmen, said they felt comforted after the hour-long service.

Later Wednesday, Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott led a community walk through Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello, a neighborhood that borders the university. The mayor frequently hosts these walks, with department heads and residents, through neighborhoods across the city.

The walk came shortly after Morgan State announced its decision to cancel homecoming activities.

"While we all know and understand how big homecoming is and how important of a thing it is for many people, the most important thing right now is the well-being of their students," Scott said, vowing to support the school with "whatever they need as the investigation continues."

Other campuses have dealt with shootings in recent months. An assailant fatally shot a faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in August. A shooter killed three students and wounded five others at Michigan State University in February.

Maryland Gov. Wes Moore (D) opened a routine state government meeting Wednesday by praising Morgan State as a "national treasure" that produces engineers, nurses, educators, entrepreneurs and public servants.

He lamented gun violence and encouraged people to come forward if they know anything about the attack.

"We as a society, we cannot allow this to stand," Moore said at the start of a Board of Public Works meeting. "Because if we allow this to stand, we are all going to fall. We both have to deal with the very real issue of why it is so easy for people to get their hands on firearms and why it is so easy for those who have their hands on firearms to be willing to pull the trigger on another human being."

Erin Cox contributed to this report.



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Morgan State University Police Chief Lance Hatcher speaks at a news conference after a shooting on campus. The university had events scheduled this week to celebrate homecoming. Because of the shooting, it announced Wednesday that it was canceling a concert, a pep rally and a parade, while a football game and a gala would be delayed.

Samuels Library has its funding restored with LGBTQ policies unchanged

LIBRARY FROM B1

upheaval and the library's policy changes, the agreement says the library "shall continue to be responsive to public concerns as exhibited by recent changes to the Library's collection with the addition of the New Adult section for ages 16 and older housing mature content. This collection shall be housed in the Adult area of the Library."

"This is a positive outcome for all Warren County residents," Melody Hotek, president of the library's board of trustees, said Wednesday in a news release announcing the agreement. "We would like to thank the Warren County Board [of] Supervisors for listening to citizen input and negotiating in good faith to reach a workable solution that benefits the entire community."

Supervisors Chairwoman Vicky Cook said in the release that she is "pleased that Warren County Board of Supervisors and the Samuels Library Board of Trustees have come to an agreement that will continue our partnership of providing an outstanding library service to our community."

Despite an organized campaign for much of the year to overwhelm the library's staff with requests to remove some 141 books, virtually all of them related to LGBTQ themes, Samuels Library has never been more popular. Its visitors are up 15 percent and the number of donors up 25 percent from 2022.

The controversy caused the library's director to resign over the summer, though, and fractured the community. Many of the Clean Up Samuels Library group clamoring for books to be removed and for the county to take over were affiliated with a local Catholic church and the conservative Christendom College, but last month a group of 42 Catholic churchgoers — at least one of whom was on the faculty at Christendom — submitted a petition saying they disagreed and stood by the library.

Around the same time, Robert Hupman, a farmer and chairman of the Warren County Republican Committee, posted a statement on Facebook calling for an end to the campaign against the library. "Let's stop this nonsense from being dragged out any longer," Hupman wrote, adding that he applauded the library for standing up to the supervisors because, "as a Republican, I do not believe in government overreach of any kind at any time. … I believe the library has been more than accommodating."

The Board of Supervisors, he said, "should agree with the terms Samuel's library sets up."

Less than a month later, the board largely did.

"Our group, of course, is ecstatic," said Front Royal resident Charles Stewart, who is active with library supporters. "I think the pressure got to be a little much for the supervisors."

Mark Egger, who started the campaign to remove books and has been one of the library's most vocal critics, said via email: "My only comment is this: 'A boy cannot become a girl, and a girl cannot become a boy.' Put that in your article."



MATTHEW BARAKAT/AP

Under an agreement signed Tuesday, the library, which operates as a private nonprofit and traces its roots to 1799, will avoid having county supervisors control its handling of LGBTQ-related books.

Md. to reveal interim education chief

WRIGHT FROM B1

tion system — a job Choudhury was hired to do. But he lost support on the 14-member governing board for a second term as superintendent. Board leaders announced last week that he would leave his post by Oct. 6 but would keep his $325,000-plus salary until next June while serving as a senior policy adviser to the panel. He also will be allowed to consult for outside entities with board permission.

Choudhury withdrew from consideration for a second term last month after a problem-plagued two-year tenure in which he was accused of creating a toxic work environment, driving away veteran staffers and micromanaging the department. Choudhury had not been a district or a state superintendent before being hired in Maryland, and board members now want to bring in someone with deep leadership experience, one of the people with knowledge of the decision said ahead of the vote. The people spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment on the decision.

In Maryland, the State Board of Education hires the superintendent, and the governor appoints members to that board. Gov. Wes Moore (D) has appointed six so far. Moore said in a statement Wednesday that he is confident Wright would be "a dedicated leader committed to transparency, accountability, and partnership."

Wright started her career as a teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools, Maryland's second-largest district. She also spent more than two decades in Howard County Public Schools as a teacher, principal and director of special education and student services, according to her LinkedIn profile.

She later was hired as the associate superintendent for the Office of Special Education and Student Services for Montgomery County Public Schools, but she then left the Maryland school district to work as the chief academic officer and deputy chief for the D.C. Public Schools' Office of Teaching and Learning. In 2013, she was named as Mississippi's state superintendent of education.

Wright will earn a salary of $350,000 and is scheduled to start by Oct. 23. Her term will conclude June 30, 2024.

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Look out below! An acorn cacophony is raining down this heavy 'mast' year.



John Kelly's Washington

I'm running out of ways to describe the sounds the acorns are making as they rain down upon me.

When they separate from the oak trees, there's a ripping sound, like an iceberg calving. When they hit the porch roof, it's like a hailstorm. When they hit a gutter, it's the clang of a gong. When they hit the flagstone patio, it's a rifle-crack. When they land in the soft grass, the sound reminds me of the gentle thump of a lazily tossed baseball falling into a worn leather mitt.

There really haven't been too many gentle thumps lately. Frankly, it's been like an artillery barrage in my corner of Montgomery County. The oak trees around us are spewing acorns like bullets from a Gatling gun.

Being a moderately educated lover of nature, I know this happens every few autumns. It's called a mast year, when, for reasons no one is quite sure of, trees produce more seeds than usual. But am I alone in thinking we're experiencing something like peak acorn this year?

No, I'm not alone.

"It is gangbusters," said **Francis Smith**, natural resources planner at the Maryland Forest Service. "It is just a very heavy mast year, even beyond just the acorns of the oak species. I have folks reporting their hickory trees are dropping hickory nuts all over their yards. And pawpaws — I have a farmer in Anne Arundel, they've been there for a decade, and in her woods she's never seen pawpaw produce and drop as much.

"And there'll be understory trees, too. Dogwoods, black gum and redbuds are full of seed buds."

That explains the papery, peapod-like seedpods hanging from the redbud in my backyard. At least those don't make a racket when they fall.

Joshua McLaughlin, manager of the Virginia Department of Forestry's tree nursery in Augusta County, said white oak acorns are running behind last year's numbers, but red oaks are off the charts.

McLaughlin oversees the collection of donated acorns from across the state to grow at the nursery. Recently, a crew was overwhelmed by what they encountered at Bridgewater College in the Shenandoah Valley.

"The guy calls and says, 'Josh, I don't have enough sacks to get all the red oaks,'" he said.

McLaughlin suggested he use a 4-foot-by-4-foot container used for carrying seedlings.

"He came back, and he had it full to the top of red oak acorns. I've never seen that before."

Acorns are certainly blanketing our yard. Every time our dog goes outside, he pauses. I think **Archie** wonders if he should eat the acorns — the cicadas from 2021 were so yummy — before deciding they're not for him.

It's a bit of a mystery how a bunch of trees decide to produce masses of seeds. **Bruce Wood**, a retired research horticulturist from the U.S. Agriculture Department's Agricultural Research Service, said there's a possibility that trees synchronize their seed production via volatile chemicals released from their foliage or that they communicate via their roots.

But the real trigger for a mast year is the weather, Wood said. A hot, dry, sunny growing season followed by a warm late winter and an early spring correlates with the seed production of individual trees. It can also indirectly lead to synchronization among many trees.

"This synchronization is not only affected by current spring weather, but weather conditions during the previous growing season and sometimes the growing season two years earlier," Wood wrote in an email.

Experts may not understand exactly *how* it happens — "Mother Nature is the one who knows the tricks of her trade," Smith said — but they have a pretty good idea *why*: Every living creature wants to increase the chance its DNA will live on in future generations.

Wrote Wood: "Masting confers an evolutionary advantage in that seed predators are satiated to such a degree that more seeds escape being eaten in masting years and therefore germinate and compete for space, sunlight and soil."

In other words, there are too many acorns for the animals to eat them all. And if a *fat* mast year is preceded by a *lean* year, acorn-wise, there may be fewer predators to begin with. Of course, that means the opposite is also true: More acorns leads to more acorn eaters.

"The sudden increase in nutrients and energy from an abundance of seed results in substantial elevation of populations of seed-feeding animals such as squirrel, mice, deer, turkey, feral hog, black bear, certain bird species and certain other mammals," Wood wrote.

But more animals that feed on seeds mean more animals that feed on animals that feed on seeds. Wood said an increase in ticks, fleas and mites can lead to an increase in diseases transmitted by the bloodsucking insects, such as Lyme disease.

Well that's just great. I've been wondering if this mast year means I need to wear a helmet when I go outside this fall, when it appears I'll need to wear bug spray next spring and summer.



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Acorns prepare to plummet in Montgomery County. Multiple tree species are producing a bumper seed crop, especially red oak.

VIRGINIA

Report: Security for shootings lacking

Commission calls for requiring drills, better tech to minimize risks

BY ANTONIO OLIVO

Virginia localities should be required to conduct active shooter drills, ensure that police have easy access to their municipal buildings and invest in technology that would allow officials to detect weapons and track the whereabouts of a shooter, a state commission convened after the 2019 Virginia Beach shooting has recommended.

The shooting by a disgruntled Virginia Beach engineer who killed 12 people at the government complex — all but one of them city employees — exposed security lapses inside local government facilities, rattling officials in Virginia.

In a report submitted last week to Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) and the General Assembly, the state commission tasked with investigating the shooting issued 52 recommendations aimed at minimizing such risks in the future.

"Tragically, this was one of many mass shootings in the Commonwealth of Virginia," the commission's chair, Ryant Washington, a former deputy secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, wrote in an introduction to the report.

One category dealt with the underlying motive of the shooter, DeWayne Craddock.

Craddock, a longtime engineer with the city's Department of Public Utilities, had struggled on the job and complained of mistreatment at his job for several years, according to a 2021 FBI report.

In the weeks leading up to the shooting, Craddock was dealing with a vendor payment problem in which the city attorney's office had become involved, the FBI found. He sent a terse resignation letter to one city official before starting his rampage.

The state commission recommended that municipalities require that all new managers undergo training that includes how to recognize the signals that an employee is troubled and where to go to get him or her help.

Grievances by troubled employees should be directly handled by trained human resources personnel, instead of an HR department liaison to employees, which is the current industry practice, the commission's report said.

To better guard against a shooting inside public buildings, the General Assembly should set statewide standards of safety for such facilities, including regular active shooter drills that test the effectiveness of communications during a crisis and a requirement to make building blueprints available to first responders, the commission recommended.

The commission also sought to address some of the confusion during the Virginia Beach shooting, where local police had problems getting key card access to the building where Craddock, armed with a pair of .45-caliber handguns, was in the midst of his rampage.

The state legislature should adopt minimum security measures for all state and local government buildings to ensure that first responders get access to all parts of any building, the commission said.

"This lack of standardization was a problem at Virginia Beach for first responders," the commission's report said.

The approach to alerting employees of such threats should mirror the rapid text alert systems in place at colleges and universities in Virginia, the commission stated.

A portion of the report dealt with the commission's frustrations with the process of investigating what led up to the shooting and how it could have been prevented.

The commission had a budget of $35,504, with no access to pro bono attorneys, while a similar commission created in the aftermath of the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting had a $460,000 budget with eight pro bono attorneys assisting, the report said.

Getting information from Virginia Beach employees was challenging, the commission said.

Two of those workers refused to cooperate, citing fear of retaliation by the city, with one saying "if he did talk to the Commission he might be fired," the report said.

"Consideration should be granted to afford commissions, such as the Virginia Beach Commission, to have subpoena power," the report said. "Subpoena power affords those talking to the Commission protection against retaliation."

Virginia Beach officials did not immediately respond Wednesday to a request for comment.

Finally, the state commission sought to address some of the frustrations of those affected by the shooting.

Some of those individuals have pressed for a $40 million disbursement from the state to deal with the lingering impacts, saying the city has failed to provide for the victims' families and the municipal employees physically and emotionally scarred by the event.

The commission agreed that a mechanism for some sort of state compensation should be established, recommending the adoption of a Virginia Mass Violence Care Fund for all victims of mass shootings in the state.

"Such a bill should guarantee medical care for victims in perpetuity," the report said.

The General Assembly allocated $10 million to assist victims of mass shootings in the state budget signed by Youngkin last month.



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Investigators gather at the Virginia Beach municipal center on June 3, 2019, a few days after a disgruntled engineer killed 12 people at the government complex — all but one of them city employees.

D.C. SNAP recipients expected to get boost thanks to city's excess revenue

SNAP FROM **B1**

of the District economy at the moment," said D.C. Council member Christina Henderson (I-At Large), who led the legislation to boost Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. "Admittedly, I didn't actually think that the $40 million in excess revenue would come to fruition given everything going on."

Council member Brianne K. Nadeau (D-Ward 1) said she didn't, either. She said the workers she has heard from, who could receive hundreds of dollars in direct payments, are ecstatic that the checks could finally be coming after years of advocacy. Along with undocumented immigrants, others excluded from unemployment assistance or other pandemic aid included certain domestic workers or "cash economy" workers.

"This is going to be really good for all of our communities. Folks are going to be able to use that to pay off debt, to make purchases they've been delaying — it's going to be a critical lifeline," Nadeau said.

Both programs were intended to address the dual impacts of the pandemic and a strained economy that caused high inflation and may have made it harder for low-income families to bounce back.

Henderson said she began discussions during the pandemic with D.C. Hunger Solutions, which advocates to increase food access. In 2019, about 94,000 District residents relied on SNAP, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. By 2020, that number spiked to roughly 135,000 residents.

LaMonika Jones, executive director of D.C. Hunger Solutions, said residents on SNAP — overwhelmingly east of the river in Wards 7 and 8, she said — were still struggling to afford groceries even with a federal emergency allotment that increased their benefits during the pandemic.

That enhanced federal aid expired in March — leaving tens of thousands of D.C. residents suddenly with less money to spend on groceries each month, in some cases significantly less.

Henderson's bill, Give SNAP a Raise, passed in December, creating a local SNAP supplement to enhance families' food-assistance benefit by 10 percent — an amount Henderson acknowledged was modest but could still help families, especially after the expiration of the emergency benefits. Still, Henderson said that in a tough budget year, she anticipated difficulty funding the legislation, at least permanently — and cash assistance for excluded workers faced a similar challenge.

As a solution, council member Janeese Lewis George (D-Ward 4) led an amendment in the budget that would trigger funding for both programs as long as the future revenue was available. Lewis George said the economic forecast never worried her as she pushed for the contingency plan. "Every year they say we're not going to have enough — and then every year, it's there," Lewis George said.

Nadeau said Tuesday that the excluded workers had reason to worry — she was wary of giving them "false hope," she said, because they had been burned by the city before. The council had previously budgeted $20 million for the workers in 2022, requiring EventsDC — a quasi-governmental agency with connections to the hospitality industry — to administer the money with the help of nonprofits. But just as they were ramping up to distribute the money this spring, Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) said that the mayor had repurposed the funds since they were unspent.

The executive's Office of Budget and Performance Management had previously been critical of the council's pursuit of cash assistance as D.C. was trying to open up after the pandemic-era shutdowns, noting the economy was in a different place. "Now, DC is open and job opportunities abound; however, the Council will still take a vote on using $20 million of future revenue to fund a program intended to support workers when there were no opportunities," Jenny Reed, director of the office, said in a statement in 2022.

Now even further removed from that 2022 vote, Nadeau said she disagreed with any suggestion that the help is no longer needed. "One of the arguments at the time was people are going back to work — they don't really need it anymore. What that didn't take into account was that people had cashed out their savings. They had taken extreme measures like not paying rent just to make ends meet," Nadeau said. "Even this money is coming late."

The 10 percent enhancement in SNAP benefits would run from January through September 2024.

Poll finds most Black Democrats in Maryland favor strict laws on youth crime

POLL FROM **B1**

Toles (D-Prince George's) who is Black, gave voice to a shared frustration, saying: "We need to stop making excuses for these kids. They know exactly what they're doing."

The poll, which surveyed 818 registered voters, was conducted from Sept. 18 to 28. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. The poll also found that more than half of Maryland residents oppose an effort, recommended by the Maryland Juvenile Justice Reform Council and supported by the administration of Gov. Wes Moore (D), to ban charging youths who commit violent crimes as adults.

Under current state law, young people accused of violent crimes are automatically charged as adults and can be waived down to juvenile court. Fifty-seven percent of Maryland residents polled said they oppose legislation that would allow a teenager accused of rape or murder to have his or her case tried in juvenile court instead of being charged as an adult. Thirty-eight percent of the respondents said they support a change to the law that would automatically charge a young person as an adult.

Last year the Maryland Juvenile Justice Reform Council recommended that all cases involving juvenile defendants begin in juvenile court. Sen. Jill Carter (D-Baltimore City) proposed a bill that never made it out of committee. The measure was supported by the Moore administration.

Maryland Juvenile Services Secretary Vincent N. Schiraldi, a nationally recognized criminal justice reformer who joined the Moore administration this year, has supported an end to the automatic prosecution of teenagers as adults.

"The outcomes for kids in the adult system are terrible. They are more subject to abuse in an adult facility, sexual and physical," and they "have worse outcomes," Schiraldi said last month when asked about the proposal during a hearing to discuss juvenile crime and what actions the legislature should consider next year to address rising gun violence.

Schiraldi said JAMA, the American Medical Association's journal, released a study this summer that found that young people tried as adults have shorter life spans. "The evidence is still there for it," he said of doing away with automatic prosecution in adult courts. "Whether the politics are there for you, you guys are the elected officials, not me."

Maryland Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Chairman William C. Smith Jr. (D-Montgomery) said he agrees that youths should be charged as juveniles, adding that "it would be wholly irresponsible for us to pass a piece of legislation of that sort at this time because our system is inadequately suited."

Smith said Tuesday that the juvenile jurisdiction ends at age 21, which means that if someone rapes or kills a person at age 17 and remains in the juvenile system, he or she can go free at age 21 without a record, without supervision and without a requirement to participate in services.

He said that services should continue to age 25 and the services need to be comprehensive, noting that the state does not have a drug and alcohol treatment facility for juveniles. "I want to get to yes but our system needs tremendous reform before we can get there," he said in a text message. "The system is not ready. We need to push for the foundation to be laid."

Meanwhile, the poll found that Maryland residents are largely pleased with Moore as he marks nearly a year in office, giving him a 60 percent approval rating. President Biden received a 57 percent job approval rating from Maryland residents. Over three-fourths of Democrats, 53 percent of independent voters and 30 percent of Republicans approve of the job Moore is doing.

"Governor Moore's 30% approval rating among his Maryland 'Grand Old Party' constituents is one of the best marks we've seen a Republican voter bloc confer on an elected Democrat officeholder in a long time," Patrick Gonzales said in the findings.

Raskin calls potential waiver of 529 tax penalty a 'matter of basic fairness'

MARYLAND 529 FROM B1

be penalized for something they couldn't control?" she said.

Getter Peterson noted that the tax penalty would also harm families with multiple prepaid plans if they want to roll over some or all of those accounts.

The Maryland Prepaid College Trust, unlike the state's traditional 529 plan, lets families lock in future tuition payments by purchasing semester credits by the semester, the year or multiple years. As a result, there are 3,697 prepaid trust beneficiaries who have more than one account, according to the Maryland state treasurer.

Michael Dubsky, who lives in Carroll County, Md., has three prepaid plans for his daughter and four for his son, totaling about $155,000. Come July, the accounts will no longer earn any interest as the state winds down the trust. Rolling over the plans, Dubsky said, makes the most sense but could cost him $15,500 in taxes.

"It's a lot of money to throw away," Dubsky said. "I'll be forced to make a decision before July, but I'm willing to wait to see if Congressman Raskin can get a waiver."

The IRS has relaxed its rules before.

Last summer, the agency waived penalties for nearly 1.6 million people who struggled to file their tax returns on time during the pandemic. The IRS automatically issued more than $1.2 billion in refunds or credits.

A spokesman for Maryland State Treasurer Dereck E. Davis (D) said his office has been proactively working with Raskin and supports the effort to deliver tax relief to account holders. On Wednesday, the treasurer's office opened a portal to let prepaid account holders submit claims for the retroactive earnings and encouraged them to do so by Dec. 31.

Davis took the helm of the Maryland 529 agency June 1, after Gov. Wes Moore (D) signed legislation to overhaul the agency that runs the state's two college savings plans. Lawmakers and account holders criticized Maryland 529 for obfuscation and incompetence in its handling of the earnings debacle.

Dubsky and Getter Peterson praised Davis for bringing about a resolution that lives up to what families were promised.

OBITUARIES

ENDEL TULVING, 96

Psychologist's research reshaped understanding of human memories

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

Endel Tulving, who transformed the study of human memory with revelatory observations about how the brain stores and retrieves information — for example, differentiating from knowing what a shoe is to remembering the purchase of limited edition Nikes — died Sept. 11 at a retirement home in Mississauga, Ontario. He was 96.

The cause was a heart attack, according to his daughters, Linda Tulving and Elo Tulving-Blais.

Dr. Tulving, a cognitive psychologist who taught at the University of Toronto for 35 years, almost single-handedly pushed his field to think of memory as something more than just one big pile of information, memories and experiences. His peers recalled him as a towering figure in psychology and neuroscience.

"One could make the case that there is memory before Tulving and memory after Tulving," said University of California at Davis neuroscientist and psychologist Charan Ranganath, the author of the upcoming book "Why We Remember."

"In my opinion, he's the most important cognitive scientist of the 20th century."

Dr. Tulving is best known for proposing that humans have two forms of memories, which he described in a chapter of "Organization of Memory," a 1972 book he co-edited with Wayne Donaldson.

One was semantic, a form of knowing: that George Washington was the first president of the United States, that cats look different from dogs. The other was, as he coined the term, episodic: the experience of eating a delicious croissant after shopping on the Avenue des Champs-Élysées.

"Think of it like this," Ranganath said. "Where is the best place to find a parking spot? That's a question for semantic memory. But where did I put my car today? That's a question for episodic memory."

Dr. Tulving came to this idea through his work showing that the brain records and retrieves information on two separate tracks, a finding that meant information seemingly forgotten could be recalled with the appropriate cues.

He once showed his students how this worked by asking them to quickly remember 20 words — such as violin, yellow, desk — and write them down. Most were only able to remember about 10 words. Dr. Tulving, according to his entry in a collection of Canadian scientist biographies, then picked up one student's list and found the word "yellow" was missing.

"Wasn't there a color on the list?" he asked.

The student replied: "Yellow!"

Dr. Tulving's proposals, especially the difference between episodic and semantic memory systems, were considered controversial when he made them in the 1960s and '70s, but he gradually proved their worth with several ingenious studies.

One was a study using positron emission tomography — PET scans — that showed different areas of the brain were associated with each form of memory. Another was interviews he did with an amnesic patient named Kent Cochrane.

K.C., as he was known to the scientists who studied him, suffered severe brain injuries in a motorcycle accident.

"K.C.'s case is remarkable in that he cannot remember, in the sense of bringing back to conscious awareness, a single thing that he has ever done or experienced in the past," Dr. Tulving wrote in American Scientist in 1989. "He cannot remember himself experiencing situations and participating in life's events."

But he does recall facts from his life — semantic memories.

"K.C. knows that his family owns a summer cottage, knows where it is located, and can point out the location on a map of Ontario, and he knows that he has spent summers and weekends there," Dr. Tulving wrote. "But he does not remember a single occasion when he was at the cottage or a single event that happened there."

Endel Tulving was born in Petseri, Estonia, on May 26, 1927, and grew up in Tartu, the country's second-largest city. His father was a judge, and his mother owned a furniture store.

He was 17 when the Soviet Union invaded Estonia during World War II. He and his younger brother became separated from their parents and were conscripted to Germany. The brothers did not see their parents for more than 20 years and spent most of that time wondering if they were alive.

"I did not know where to write," he told the Toronto Star in 2006. "I did know our old home had burned down, because the whole town was burned down."

Dr. Tulving finished high school in a German refugee camp. After graduation, he worked as a U.S. Army translator and briefly studied medicine at the University of Heidelberg. In 1949, he moved to Canada with several other Estonians and worked as a farmer's hand before enrolling at the University of Toronto, where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1953 and a master's degree the following year.

He received a doctorate in psychology from Harvard in 1957. His parents came to live with him in Toronto for several years before moving back to Estonia.

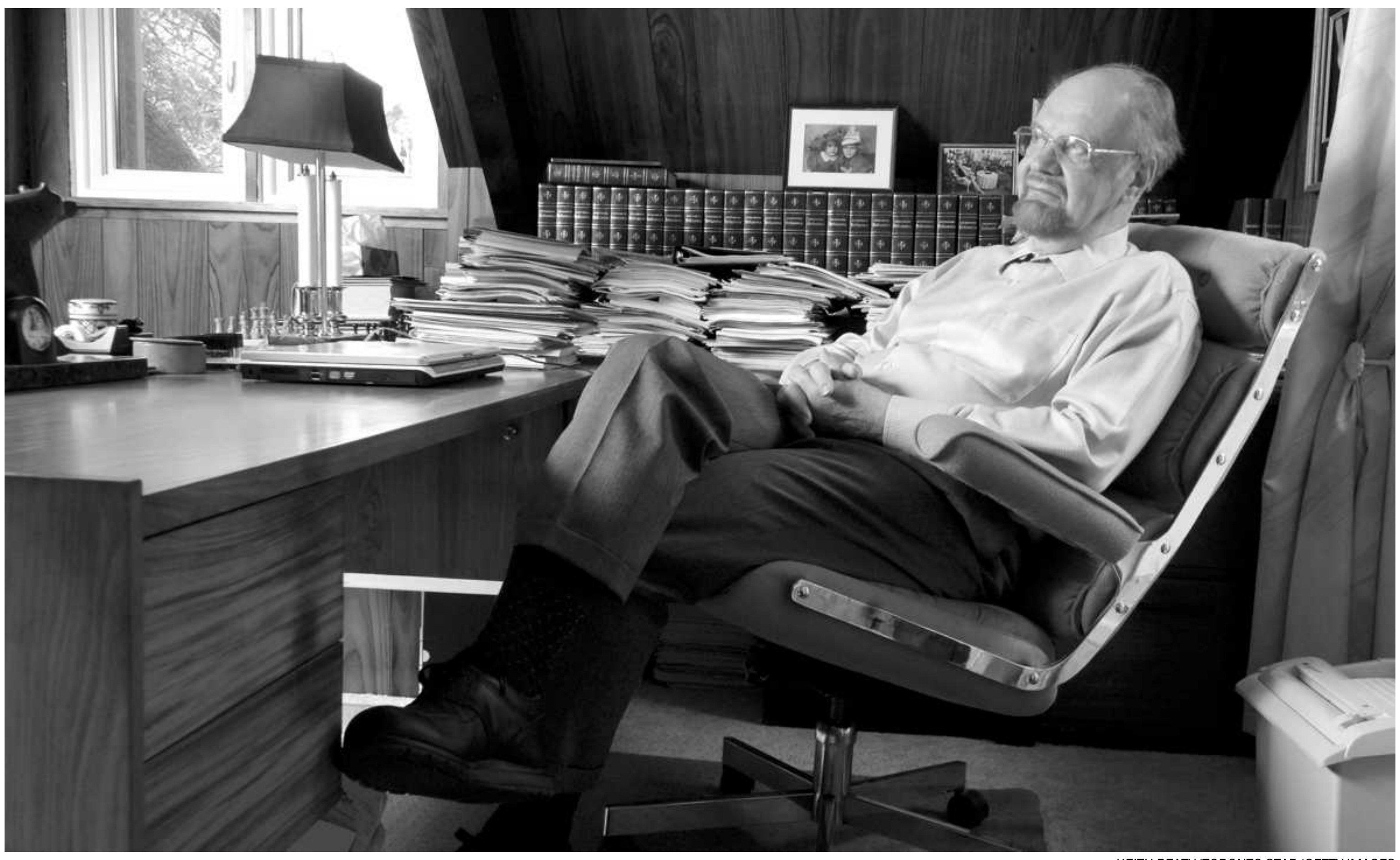
Dr. Tulving married Ruth Mikkelsaar, an artist, in 1950. She died in 2012. Survivors include their daughters and five grandchildren.

While memory is typically associated with the past, Dr. Tulving thought of it — especially episodic memory — as moving forward. Reaching back for specific moments, which he called "mental time travel," could help unravel what to do in the present and future. This idea came up during the pandemic.

Anna-Lisa Cohen, a Yeshiva University professor of psychology, wrote in The Washington Post about how Dr. Tulving's notion of "mental time travel" could help "transport ourselves to a better place, or at least a different moment in time."

Cohen wrote of a gathering with friends — outside — in which they shared travel memories, including "the time one of us swam, screeching, through bat infested caves in Playa del Carmen, Mexico."

"In that moment, we saw the blue of the ocean and we could taste the cold cerveza served at the local beach bar," Cohen wrote, using the Spanish word for beer. "For an instant, we were no longer present, but, rather, transported to another time and place."



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Dr. Endel Tulving's proposals, especially the difference between episodic and semantic memory systems, were considered controversial when he made them in the 1960s and '70s, but the studies he used to prove their work were regarded as transformative.

JAMES HOGE, 87

A veteran of the big city tabloid wars

BY MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

James Hoge, who tussled with unions, politicians and Rupert Murdoch while running tabloid newspapers in Chicago and New York City, then had a second, more highbrow career in international relations rousing the esteemed but sleepy Foreign Affairs magazine, died Sept. 19 at a hospital in Manhattan. He was 87.

The cause was a cerebral hemorrhage, said his wife, Kathleen Lacey.

Mr. Hoge, who was once featured in an Esquire article headlined "The Dangers of Being Too Good-Looking" and was sometimes likened to Robert Redford in his WASPy handsomeness, stood out in journalism in other ways. Along with being exponentially more debonair and stylish than typical newsroom inhabitants, he also pushed for stylish, engaging writing during his three-decade career guiding tabloids through a tumultuous pre-internet era in the newspaper industry.

His meteoric rise began at the Chicago Sun-Times in 1958, first as a Washington correspondent, then, at age 29, as city editor, followed three years later by his appointment as managing editor. By 44, he was publisher. The paper won six Pulitzer Prizes during his leadership.

In addition to adding sections covering food, real estate and fashion to attract suburban readers, Mr. Hoge hired aggressive investigative reporters to compete with the Chicago Tribune. His staff persuaded him to greenlight a plan to buy and secretly run a downtown saloon so reporters and photographers could document crooked city inspectors taking bribes and kickbacks in envelopes left on the bar.

Pam Zekman, one of the reporters on the team that produced a 25-part series on the corruption, recalled the idea had originally and unsuccessfully been pitched to editors at the Tribune while she worked there on the investigative staff. After she joined the Sun-Times, she found it "wonderfully refreshing" that Mr. Hoge embraced the idea.

The series, published in 1978, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, but an ethical debate over the paper's undercover reporting sank its chances.

In 1976, while still working at the Sun-Times, Mr. Hoge was appointed editor of its sister paper, the Chicago Daily News, which published in the afternoon. The Marshall Field family, which owned both papers, put the Sun-Times up for sale in 1983. Mr. Hoge organized a group of investors to buy it but lost to Murdoch, the Australian press baron who owned the New York Post.

"There was never any question whether I would stay," Mr. Hoge told The Washington Post after losing to Murdoch. "We both knew it was impossible."

Tribune Co., publisher of the Chicago Tribune and New York Daily News, hired Mr. Hoge as publisher of the New York paper, which was losing a tabloid battle with Murdoch's Post.

"I want to be the man who has on his epitaph he saved the Daily News," Mr. Hoge told Vanity Fair in a 1989 article that called him "a man so gifted and handsome that people would actually gape in admiration."

Despite his "magnetic presence," as Vanity Fair put it, Mr. Hoge struggled to turn the paper around. He also went to war with the paper's unions, which in late 1990 went on a five-month strike that resulted in violent clashes between picketers and employees reporting for work.

Unable to resolve disagreements over wages, overtime and staffing levels, Mr. Hoge threatened in early 1991 to shutter the paper. That March, British publisher Robert Maxwell stepped up to buy the paper and negotiated a labor deal with the paper's unions. Mr. Hoge stayed on for several months before leaving.

The following year, the Council on Foreign Relations named Mr. Hoge editor of Foreign Affairs, a policy and international affairs journal started in 1922. Given his lengthy career in tabloid journalism, a medium not generally conducive to lucid policy analysis, the choice was seen as a surprise by some media onlookers.

But Mr. Hoge had been an active member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and its board thought he could enliven the magazine and make it more readable, both in design and text. (In a nod to concerns about his background, he presented council leaders with a mock front cover featuring supermodel Cindy Crawford and cover lines reading "Boris' Babes" and "Sexiest Ethnic Rivalries.")

Mr. Hoge immediately signaled that the magazine would become more timely, delaying his first issue until after Bill Clinton's election as president in 1992.

"The issue is being designed to offer the new president a lot of free advice," Mr. Hoge told the Tribune.

Mr. Hoge commissioned reported pieces, shortened the length of its major articles from 7,000 to 5,000 words and increased the frequency of issues to six per year from four.

During his tenure, he published political scientist Samuel P. Huntington's influential essay "Clash of Civilizations?" arguing that cultural and religious conflicts would dominate the world following the Cold War's end. He also published the "Tiananmen Papers," revealing secret discussions among China's leaders on crushing student protests in 1989.

"What Foreign Affairs provides," Mr. Hoge once said, "is a unique, nonpartisan forum for wide-ranging ideas on America's role in the world."

By the time he stepped down 18 years later, the magazine's circulation had nearly doubled to 160,000 copies per issue.

James Fulton Hoge Jr. was born in Manhattan on Dec. 25, 1935, and was raised on Park Avenue. His father was a lawyer, and his mother was a homemaker.

"My father was a high-energy guy who loved being a lawyer, but who also had a visceral response to newspapers," he told Vanity Fair. "He'd spread the papers out on the floor and he'd say, 'Look at that, will you!' Or he'd say, 'Read that column!' Or he'd just laugh."

Mr. Hoge graduated in 1954 from the private Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. He studied political science at Yale University, graduating in 1958. Three years later, he received a master's degree from the University of Chicago, paying his way through school while working part time at the Sun-Times.

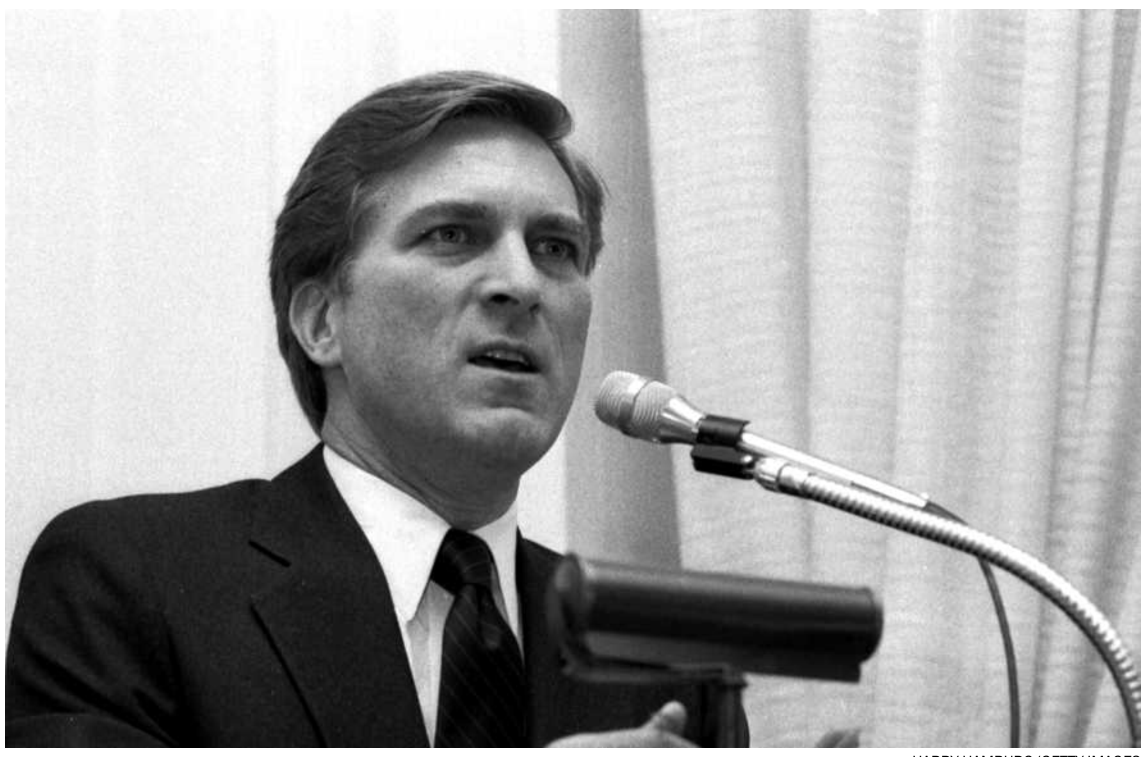
Mr. Hoge's marriages to Alice Albright, a descendant of Chicago Tribune founder Joseph Medill, and Sharon King ended in divorce. He married Lacey in 1999. They lived in an apartment on Park Avenue.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three children from his marriage to Albright, Alicia Hoge Adams, Robert Warren Hoge and James Patrick Hoge; a son from a relationship with TV journalist Cynthia McFadden, Spencer Hoge; a stepdaughter, Kienan Lacey; a stepson, Devin Lacey; 11 grandchildren; and a sister.

Mr. Hoge's younger brother, longtime New York Times journalist and editor Warren Hoge, died in August at 82.

Throughout his life, profiles of Mr. Hoge noted his patrician upbringing. He found them annoying.

"Sure, my father made a good living, but I never got a penny of inheritance," he told Vanity Fair. "If you look like a WASP and talk like a WASP, there's a kind of inverse racism. That is short-changing us who are like that. My major motivation has never been making a ton of money. To me, the fun of the game is big-time journalism."



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James Hoge speaks at the Overseas Press Club when he was publisher of the New York Daily News. The Chicago Sun-Times won six Pulitzer Prizes under his prior leadership there.

GIORGIO NAPOLITANO, 98

Former president was elder statesman of Italian politics

BY EMILY LANGER

Giorgio Napolitano, the long-serving Italian president and a pillar of stability in the hurly-burly of his country's politics, most notably in 2011 when he helped guide the nation out of economic crisis and beyond the turbulence of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's years in power, died Sept. 22 at a clinic in Rome. He was 98.

His death was announced by the current Italian president, Sergio Mattarella. The cause was not immediately available.

In the years since the end of World War II, Italians have seen dozens of governments rise and fall, the state of their politics often subjected to gentle ribbing if not outright mockery on the international stage.

Amid that chaos, Mr. Napolitano, a onetime leader of the Italian Communist Party who later embraced the tenets of social democracy and European integration, emerged as a person of undisputed seriousness, the definition of an elder statesman.

When the country's often warring political factions could agree on little or nothing else, they found accord on Mr. Napolitano, who had spent decades in Parliament and had held office as interior minister.

Mr. Napolitano was elected to his first seven-year term as president in 2006, at age 80. When the parliament deadlocked on the selection of a successor, he became the first Italian president elected to a second term and served a total of nearly nine years before he retired in 2015.

With its seat at the Quirinale palace in Rome, the Italian presidency is often regarded as a ceremonial office. But Mr. Napolitano demonstrated that with political savvy and personal gravitas, it could be used to wield substantial power.

He was credited with leading the country through one of its most severe crises of the modern era in 2011, when Berlusconi, the scandal-plagued billionaire media tycoon who for years had been the dominant figure in Italian politics, stepped down amid a debt crisis.

Mr. Napolitano ushered in a new prime minister, economist Mario Monti, and a technocratic government of experts.

"Now is the time to show maximum responsibility. It is not the time to pay off old scores nor for sterile partisan recriminations," the New York Times quoted Mr. Napolitano as saying at the time. "It is time to reestablish a climate of calmness and mutual respect."

The Monti government, while short-lived like those that came before and after it, was widely credited with steadying the country's economy. Monti was succeeded by prime ministers Enrico Letta and then Matteo Renzi before Mr. Napolitano's retirement. By then, he was known admiringly in some circles as "Re Giorgio" — King Giorgio.

Giorgio Napolitano was born in Naples on June 29, 1925, three years after the fascist leader Benito Mussolini rose to power. Mr. Napolitano's mother was of noble heritage. His father was a lawyer, a path that Mr. Napolitano followed as he pursued his studies at the University of Naples.

An anti-fascist, Mr. Napolitano joined the Italian Communist Party and was first elected to the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of the Italian parliament, in 1953.

Such was his commitment to the Communist cause that he supported the Soviet quashing of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. But by the following decade, he had begun to turn against Moscow, the Times reported in a profile. He spoke out against the brutal Soviet response to the Prague Spring movement in 1968.

Mr. Napolitano eventually left the Communist Party, helping to form the Democrats of the Left. He served as speaker of the Chamber of Deputies and as interior minister under Prime Minister Romano Prodi in the 1990s.

Mr. Napolitano was married in 1959 to Clio Maria Bittoni, a lawyer. Besides his wife, survivors include two sons, Giovanni and Giulio. A complete list of survivors was not immediately available.

By the end of his time on the public stage, Mr. Napolitano had been named a senator for life, one of his country's highest honors. But in his earlier days as a moderate Communist, he was a man in the middle, enjoying the full trust neither of his fellow party members nor of the West.

At one point, Mr. Napolitano was denied a visa to visit the United States because of his Communist Party membership. In an editorial on the matter, The Washington Post described him as "a man of considerable intellectual distinction" and observed that "to bar him on grounds that he constitutes a menace to the republic ... is ludicrous."

Mr. Napolitano was ultimately permitted to visit the United States. Henry A. Kissinger, the former secretary of state and national security adviser, was said to have called him his "favorite Communist."



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Italian President Giorgio Napolitano addresses the press after nominating Enrico Letta to form a new government in April 2013.

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COSTABILE



HELEN C. COSTABILE
LT. COL USAF (RET.)

Helen C. Costabile Lt. Col USAF (Ret.) of Silver Spring, MD, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2023. She was 96 years old. Born in Hazleton, PA, Helen moved to the D.C. area and began her nursing career at Georgetown University Hospital. She joined the Air Force in 1955. As both a clinical and flight nurse during her military career, Helen served her country with distinction. In trouble spots all over the world, including Korea and Vietnam, and Alaska during a major earthquake, Helen combined her skills with compassion for her patients with little thought for herself.

After retirement she worked as a nurse at Fernwood Nursing Home in Bethesda, MD, and volunteered at Andrews Air Force Base Family Clinic and the Church of Christ the King where she made many life-long friends. Helen was a woman of great faith and fierce loyalty to country, community, and family. She had endless enthusiasm for the Washington Commanders, sports of all kinds, and her beloved miniature schnauzers.

She is survived by her brother Salvatore (Mary Rae) and many loving nieces and nephews who will miss her greatly. She was also "Aunt Helen" to countless numbers of others she met and cared for during her spectacular life. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of Christ the King in Silver Spring, MD. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Church of Christ the King. Please view and sign the guestbook at

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FEDERIGAN



GLORIA MARIA TALASTAS FEDERIGAN

Gloria Maria Talastas Federigan, 80, of McLean, Virginia, passed away on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the Inova Fairfax Hospital surrounded by her family.

Gloria was born in Manila, Philippines, on December 20, 1942, but spent her teen years in Balanga, Bataan Province. She was the daughter of the late Gloria de los Reyes and Pedro Ponce Talastas. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her older brother Hermenegildo, her nephew Eugene Paul, and granddaughter Hannah Joy.

In her lifetime, Gloria was loved, cherished, and respected by all who knew her. She was an accomplished portrait and still-life artist; a pianist; a baker and a rated chef, with a talent learned and savored from Cordon Bleu in Paris; a rare-books and Filipiniana collector; and a journalist, writer, and columnist for the Manila Mail, the erstwhile newspaper covering the National Capital Region.

Gloria was an accredited Certified Public Accountant upon passing a national examination held a few months after obtaining a Bachelor's degree from the Far Eastern University in Manila. In the United States, she continued her quest for professional work at the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, part of the World Bank Group, in Washington, DC. In between her jobs at the External Debt Division, Gloria obtained her MBA from the George Washington University, near her area of work.

Gloria's tenure at the World Bank involved twice-a-year missions to several member countries in Latin and South America, Africa, Eastern Europe, and Asia, where, as a member of a group of specialists, she examined and audited the paying capacities of the affected countries. She retired from the World Bank after 30 years.

Gloria continued her quest for travel, along with her also-retired husband, by landing a job with United Airlines at Washington Dulles Airport. Her position as reservations specialist lasted until her mandatory retirement age of 65.

Gloria is survived by her husband of 54 years Roberto (Bobby); her three children: daughter Marya Gloria (Minette), son Robert Peter and wife Judith, and son Bret Joseph; her two grandchildren Jacqueline Reyna and Katharine (Parker); her siblings: sister Rosa Lourdes Medina and husband Jovan, Sister Eusebia of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, her brother Maximino and wife Merle, and her brother Eugenio and wife Caridad (Charet); and her many beloved nieces and nephews. Celesté Glo. The Deepest of Love.

Funeral Services are private.

LONG



LEONARD L. LONG JR.
In Memory
July 12, 1956 - September 29, 2023

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Leonard L. Long, Jr. He has returned to the embrace of the Divine, leaving behind a legacy of immeasurable impact. A Morehouse Man, distinguished attorney, and loyal resident of Southeast D.C. — Leonard epitomized excellence and radiated love.

Leonard is survived by his cherished wife, Leticia, and their three beloved children: his daughter De'Ara, and his two sons, both of whom proudly carry his name, Leonard Long III, and Lennard Long — a testament to the enduring legacy of a name passed down through generations.

He is also remembered by his devoted siblings, Carol, Cynthia, and Clinton Long, and by his nephews, nieces, cousins, mentees, and steadfast friends. Together, they form a rich tapestry of lives, each thread interwoven with the love and affection he shared throughout his life.

We invite you to join us in commemorating his remarkable life — a life that enriched our world and left an indelible mark on our hearts.

Funeral Arrangements
Date: Friday, October 6, 2023
Viewing: 10 a.m.
Service: 11:30 a.m. (Live stream will be available: shilohbaptist.org/livestream)
Location: Shiloh Baptist Church
Address: 1500 9th Street, NW

For more information, please email:
leonardlongservice@gmail.com

SHRIER



ADAM LOUIS SHRIER (Age 85)

Adam Louis Shrier of Washington, DC passed away peacefully with family in New York, NY, on September 30, 2023, following a stroke at the age of 85.

Adam's life began on March 26, 1938, in Warsaw, Poland. When Nazi German and Soviet forces invaded Poland in September 1939, he and his family escaped across Europe, Asia, and Mexico before settling in Queens, NY. Adam subsequently earned degrees in chemical engineering from Columbia University, MIT, and Yale University, as well as a law degree from Fordham University. He also conducted postdoctoral studies at Pembroke College, Cambridge University, UK.

Adam contributed professionally to the fields of chemical engineering, energy, international law, business, and higher education. He spent 25 years at Exxon Corporation (now ExxonMobil) engaged in corporate planning and U.S. and international government relations; international supply, transportation, and trading; energy security and emergency preparedness; renewable energy (including heading pioneering solar thermal and photovoltaic firms); corporate ventures and new business development; and research and engineering including patented innovations.

Later, as a business developer and management consultant, Adam started and acquired energy, environmental, and chemical firms, and advised government agencies on economic reforms. He had a special interest in emerging market economies, especially in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and China.

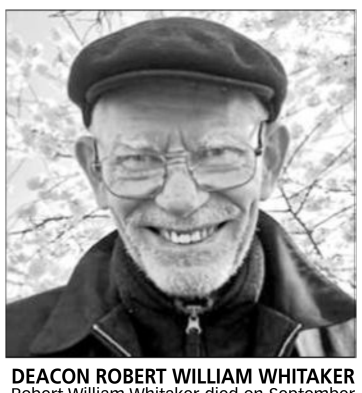
A consummate and beloved teacher for 22 years, until retirement at age 84, Adam was adjunct professor at American University in Washington, DC, and at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York City.

Adam adored his wife of 62 years, Diane. They loved to travel, visiting over 100 countries and all seven continents. Always ready to try or learn something new, Adam attended university classes well into his 80s. His jokes and stories were legendary. A devoted son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. Adam is survived by his wife Diane K. Shrier, MD; his children Jonathan and wife Stephanie, Lydia and husband Michael, Catherine, and David; and his grandchildren Max and partner Lydia, Gideon, Ethan, Tamar, Aleksandar, Jason, Ian, Julia, and Henry.

Services previously held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kosciuszko Foundation, (TheKF.org) 212-734-2130. Services entrusted to Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care.

www.sagelbloomfield.com

WHITAKER



DEACON ROBERT WILLIAM WHITAKER

Robert William Whitaker died on September 30, 2023 at age 84 years.

A mathematics graduate from Duke, Robert was actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement. Robert relocated to Washington, DC, where he met and married Jane Catherine Jones and was a Computer Engineering Systems Analyst for 35 years. In 1993, Robert became a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Jane; his children, Susan, Peter, Matthew, and Matthew's wife Kate; and his grandchildren, Hannah, Elijah, Luke, Ellie, and David.

A visitation will be held on October 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Joseph Gawler's Sons. A funeral mass will be held on October 7 at 12 p.m. at Saint Ann Roman Catholic Church followed by burial at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Further information may be found on Joseph Gawler's Sons website.

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BURRELL

JOAN HAMILTON CRAWFORD BURRELL (Age 85)

Of Washington, DC entered eternal rest on Friday, September 21, 2023. Mrs. Burrell, an ordained minister and retired Federal Government paralegal (DOE and DOS) was born in Craigsville, VA, and grew up in Staunton, VA. She settled in DC where she worshiped, raised her family and married James Burrell. She spread love and good advice to everyone she met. Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 6, 2023 at Tabernacle Baptist Assembly, 1900 Tucker Rd, Fort Washington, MD 20744. For additional information concerning funeral services, please visit https://www.tri-statefuneralservices.com.

CATSOURAS

JOHN NICHOLAS CATSOURAS (Age 83)

On Monday, October 2, 2023, of Rockville, MD. Beloved husband of the late Helene C. Catsouras; father of Effie Suggs, Thomas Athanason and James Athanason; brother of Dorothy "Nicki" Lucas. Also survived by other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Norwood Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20905 on Monday, October 9, 2023, from 10 to 11 a.m., followed by the Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

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DAVIS

YVONNE DAVIS (Age 74)

On Monday, October 2, 2023, of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of Glenn Bryan Davis for 43 years; mother of Chad and Brice Crackel. Sister of Bruce Sittner. Daughter of the late Christian Sittner and Ida Postiglione. Relatives and friends may call at the Chapel at Riderwood Village, Maryland Hall, 3120 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD, on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Funeral Service at Chapel at Riderwood Village to follow at 11 a.m. Interment at the Columbia Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a contribution to the Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area https://parkinsonfoundation.org/ or similar organizations.

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FINLAY

DAVID FRANCIS KERR FINLAY

Finlay David Francis Kerr died peacefully on September 29, 2023, aged 80 at his home in Pine Plains, New York. Much loved partner, brother, uncle and great uncle. There will be a private family funeral and memorial services to be announced later.

REMY



ROBIN A. REMY

Suddenly, on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, our beloved Robin, the Mother of: Ronald Hughes, LaRue Purry and Hakeem Remy entered into her eternal rest. She is also survived, by her Grandchildren; Bria, Azzim, Paris and Xavia and her Great-Grand-daughter; Ayanna, two sisters, five brothers, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Family will celebrate her life and receive friends, on Friday, October 6, 2023, at Meridian Hill Baptist Church, 5354 Sheriff Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743, for a viewing, from 10 to 11 a.m., and services, will immediately follow. Services entrusted to; RN Horton Funeral Home.



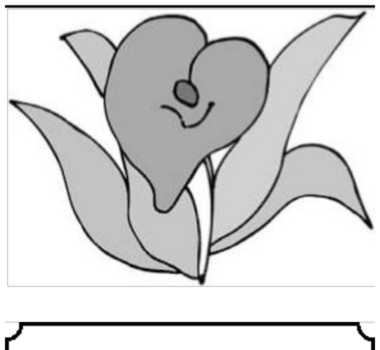
IN MEMORIAM

DOWNS



JULIA CLARK DOWNS
May 25, 1978 -October 5, 2021

Beloved daughter, sister and mother
Memories of your smile, humor, goodness and sense of fairness sustain us each day.
Mom, Dad, Morgan, Sean and Gavin



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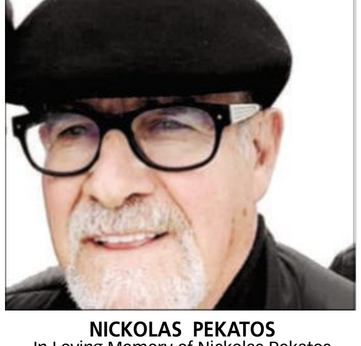
METELSKY



JOHN MICHAEL METELSKY (Age 96)

John Michael Metelsky, of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Holy Cross Hospital. He was 96. John was born on August 11, 1927 in Bristol, Connecticut. He graduated from George Washington University (BA in Journalism, 1961) and American University (MA in Communications, 1967). John worked for the Federal Government for 38 years, including serving as the press director of the US Agency for International Development (A.I.D.). John was predeceased by his parents, Sergey Metelsky and Mildred Ponda Metelsky, siblings, Helen Metelsky Rosenblatt and Milton Metelsky, and niece and nephew, Judy Lopatosky and Jan Rosenblatt. John is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sonia Seaton Metelsky of Silver Spring, MD; children, Sundance Metelsky of Greenbelt, MD and Johnny Metelsky (Denise Lacen) of North Bergen, NJ; grandchildren, Béla Wolfgang Zoltán Seaton Williams Metelsky Oehser of Laurel, MD and Zina Xena Metelsky Oehser of Bethesda, MD; and nephew, Robert Metelsky (Shujun Ge) of Burlington, CT, along with many friends and extended family members. John was a member of the National Press Club for over 50 years. Memorial donations may be made in John Metelsky's name to the National Press Foundation, https://nationalpress.org/donate/. Visitation on Friday, October 6 at 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville, Maryland. Funeral on Saturday, October 7 at 10 a.m. at Glenn Dale United Methodist Church followed by interment at 12:30 p.m. at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Maryland. Details at https://www.gaschs.com/

PEKATOS



NICKOLAS PEKATOS

In Loving Memory of Nickolas Pekatos
August 22, 1933 - September 26, 2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Nickolas Pekatos, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He passed away peacefully on September 26, 2023, at the age of 90.

Nickolas was born on August 22, 1933, in pre-war Kefalonia, Greece, a place that held a special place in his heart throughout his life. His early years were marked by the tumultuous events of World War II and the Greek Civil War. During this time he completed his education, displaying the resilience and determination that would become hallmarks of his character. He became a director and counselor at a boys' town and camp for war-orphaned children, where he first crossed paths with the love of his life, Alexandra Elefantis, who would become his partner in building a life together filled with love and compassion.

In 1953, tragedy struck Kefalonia when a major earthquake devastated the island. As a result, Nickolas received a visa and in 1955, made his journey to the United States.

In 1956, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served with distinction, including deployments during the Beirut, Lebanon crisis and the Cuban Missile Crisis. It was during this time that he returned to Greece to marry Alexandra. They welcomed their first son, Spero, while stationed in West Germany. Their family grew in 1964 when their second son, James, was born. James was later diagnosed with autism. Nickolas and Alexandra demonstrated boundless love and care in providing for him.

In 1964, Nickolas left the U.S. Army and started an upholstery business in Alexandria, Virginia, originally named Devaris Upholstery, which was later renamed Devaris Fabrics. Nickolas was a successful businessman, providing for his wife and children and his parents in Greece. He was an active member of the Greek AHEPA organization and a dedicated supporter of Cephalonian Global initiatives. His commitment to preserving his Greek heritage and contributing to the community was unwavering.

Throughout the years, Nickolas and Alexandra enjoyed the tradition of returning to Greece every summer for vacation since 1973. In 2011, Nickolas Pekatos retired and sold his successful business. In 2021, his heart was broken when his beloved wife of 63 years passed away.

Nickolas Pekatos will be forever remembered and cherished by his loving sons, Spero and James; his daughter-in-law, Lucy; and his grandchildren, Christine Marie, Alexandra Mary, and Nicholas John.

A viewing to celebrate Nickolas Pekatos's life will be held at 4 to 8 p.m. on October 8, 2023, at Everly-Wheatley, 1500 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the National Autism Association or Saint Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church Virginia. He will be buried in his home village of Potamianata, Kefalinia Greece.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his memory be a blessing to us all.

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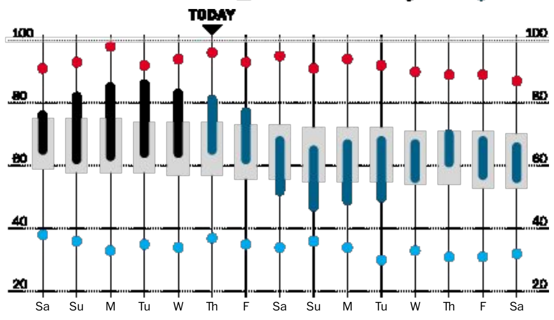
Slightly cooler

Another rather nice one. Perhaps a smidgen cooler than recent days but still rather warm for the time of year. Under partly cloudy skies, highs should end up pretty close to 80 in most spots. Winds blow from the southeast about 5 to 10 mph.

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny	Humid, shower	Rain	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
81° 65°	77° 62°	68° 52°	65° 47°	67° 49°	68° 50°
FEELS*: 81°	FEELS: 77°	FEELS: 66°	FEELS: 64°	FEELS: 66°	FEELS: 69°
CHNCE PRECIP: 5%	P: 80%	P: 90%	P: 10%	P: 10%	P: 10%
WIND: SE 6–12 mph	W: SSW 6–12 mph	W: WNW 10–20 mph	W: W 10–20 mph	W: SW 8–16 mph	W: W 6–12 mph
HUMIDITY: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Moderate	H: Low	H: Moderate	H: Moderate

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Temperatures

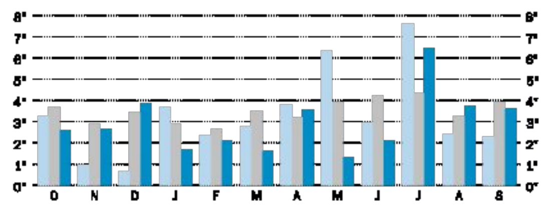


Statistics through 5 p.m. Wednesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**83°** 12:49 p.m.	**84°** 4:00 p.m.	**83°** 2:40 p.m.
Low	**64°** 7:00 a.m.	**55°** 6:00 a.m.	**58°** 6:26 a.m.
Normal	74°/57°	72°/50°	73°/51°
Record high	94° 1954	90° 2013	92° 1954
Record low	34° 1974	26° 1974	31° 1974

Difference from 30-yr. avg. (National): this month: **+7.6°** yr. to date: **+1.8°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Normal	0.48"	0.51"	0.54"
Total this year	26.09"	25.87"	31.17"
Normal	32.32"	33.67"	34.76"

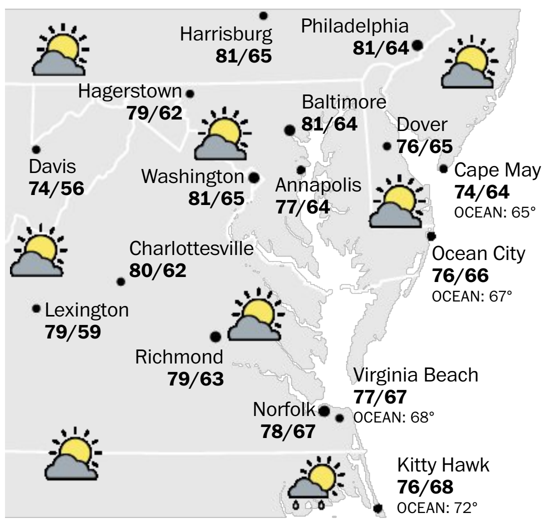
Moon Phases

Oct 6	Oct 14	Oct 21	Oct 28
Last Quarter	New	First Quarter	Full

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	7:07 a.m.	6:45 p.m.
Moon	11:01 p.m.	2:06 p.m.
Venus	3:29 a.m.	4:43 p.m.
Mars	8:16 a.m.	7:19 p.m.
Jupiter	8:09 p.m.	9:53 a.m.
Saturn	5:08 p.m.	3:51 a.m.

REGION



Pollen: High
Grass Low
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Mold High

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: Moderate
4 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, partly sunny; areas of morning fog. High 59 to 68. Winds south-southeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, patchy clouds. Low 53 to 57. Winds south 4–8 mph. Friday, a little rain, except dry in central parts. High 57 to 63.

Atlantic beaches: Today, partly sunny, humid; a shower in spots in the south. A nice day for outdoor activities. High 74 to 78. Winds east-northeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, humid. Low 63 to 67. Winds east-northeast 4–8 mph. Friday, a passing shower.

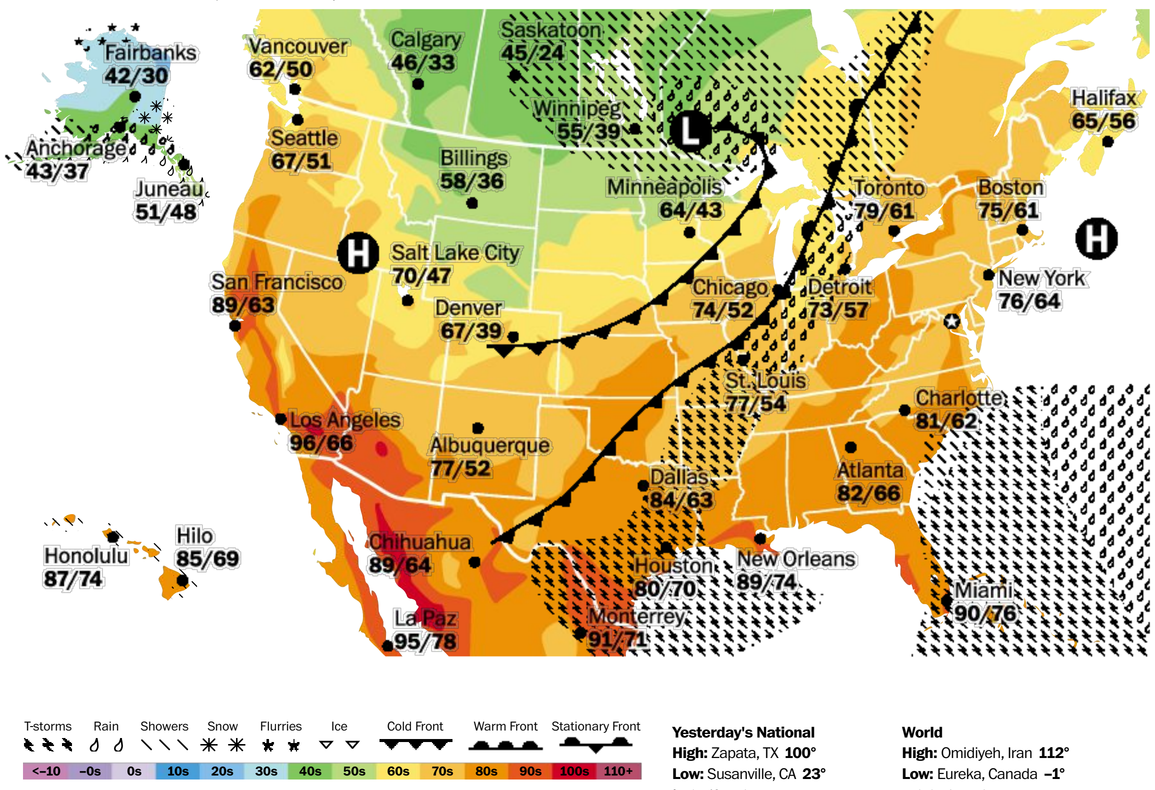
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, sun, some clouds. Wind southeast 4–8 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility unrestricted. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, partly sunny. Wind east 4–8 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.80 feet today, falling to 2.70 Friday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	**12:51 a.m.**	8:21 a.m.	**1:35 p.m.**	8:04 p.m.
Annapolis	5:02 a.m.	**9:52 a.m.**	4:21 p.m.	**11:37 p.m.**
Ocean City	**12:15 a.m.**	6:23 a.m.	**12:50 p.m.**	7:36 p.m.
Norfolk	**2:25 a.m.**	8:23 a.m.	**2:54 p.m.**	9:44 p.m.
Point Lookout	1:30 a.m.	**6:16 a.m.**	12:08 p.m.	**7:23 p.m.**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



Yesterday's National
High: Zapata, TX **100°**
Low: Susanville, CA **23°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Omidiyeh, Iran **112°**
Low: Eureka, Canada **–1°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	81/60/pc	70/61/c
Albuquerque	77/52/pc	79/49/s
Anchorage	43/37/r	52/39/r
Atlanta	82/66/pc	81/57/c
Austin	85/67/t	87/61/pc
Baltimore	81/64/pc	79/64/c
Billings, MT	58/36/s	58/43/s
Birmingham	84/68/pc	81/54/c
Bismarck, ND	57/38/c	49/30/pc
Boise	73/49/s	75/51/s
Boston	75/61/pc	68/63/c
Buffalo	83/63/pc	68/52/r
Burlington, VT	83/57/pc	73/60/c
Charleston, SC	83/67/sh	81/63/sh
Charleston, WV	84/62/pc	70/51/r
Charlotte	81/62/pc	79/59/c
Cheyenne, WY	59/34/s	53/33/s
Chicago	74/52/r	61/46/pc
Cincinnati	74/60/c	73/44/r
Cleveland	80/62/r	71/49/r
Dallas	84/63/r	85/56/s
Denver	67/39/s	56/37/s
Des Moines	74/46/s	55/40/pc
Detroit	73/57/r	70/46/pc
El Paso	89/64/pc	84/61/c
Fairbanks, AK	42/30/c	37/29/i
Fargo, ND	59/44/sh	55/36/sh
Hartford, CT	79/58/pc	72/60/c
Honolulu	87/74/sh	88/73/sh
Houston	80/70/t	86/65/pc
Indianapolis	68/56/r	66/45/pc
Jackson, MS	86/66/c	86/54/pc
Jacksonville, FL	86/68/pc	83/65/c
Kansas City, MO	79/46/s	62/40/pc
Las Vegas	88/66/s	91/66/s
Little Rock	73/60/t	82/49/s
Los Angeles	96/66/s	97/67/s
Louisville	77/63/sh	75/49/c
Memphis	72/64/c	80/50/pc
Miami	90/76/t	89/74/sh
Milwaukee	75/52/pc	63/46/sh
Minneapolis	64/43/c	51/42/sh
Nashville	80/65/sh	79/49/sh
New Orleans	89/74/c	86/69/t
New York City	76/64/pc	70/63/c
Norfolk	78/67/pc	76/64/pc
Oklahoma City	81/55/c	74/43/s
Omaha	70/44/s	58/37/r
Orlando	90/72/t	90/73/pc
Philadelphia	81/64/pc	78/63/c
Phoenix	100/73/s	104/79/pc
Pittsburgh	83/62/pc	69/49/r
Portland, ME	69/57/c	68/59/c
Portland, OR	77/57/s	83/58/s
Providence, RI	73/59/pc	72/62/c
Raleigh, NC	80/62/pc	79/60/c
Reno, NV	77/46/s	80/46/s
Richmond	79/63/pc	78/64/c
Sacramento	91/57/s	93/55/s
St. Louis	77/54/sh	68/46/pc
St. Thomas, VI	89/81/c	90/81/pc
Salt Lake City	70/47/s	74/49/s
San Diego	83/62/s	84/64/s
San Francisco	89/63/s	86/62/s
San Juan, PR	91/79/t	92/79/t
Seattle	67/51/pc	74/52/pc
Spokane, WA	73/48/s	72/48/s
Syracuse	85/65/pc	74/59/r
Tampa	91/73/s	89/75/pc
Wichita	82/50/s	65/38/pc

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	75/51/s	75/50/s
Amsterdam	64/56/c	66/62/c
Athens	81/61/c	81/66/s
Auckland	65/56/pc	65/53/pc
Baghdad	90/72/s	91/71/s
Bangkok	89/79/t	90/78/t
Beijing	73/49/c	75/48/c
Berlin	62/50/sh	67/59/pc
Bogota	69/49/sh	67/50/r
Brussels	63/51/c	69/54/pc
Buenos Aires	75/57/s	76/54/pc
Cairo	90/74/s	88/71/c
Caracas	80/66/t	79/64/t
Copenhagen	61/52/pc	62/54/c
Dakar	90/80/pc	90/80/pc
Dublin	63/60/sh	68/59/c
Edinburgh	61/57/sh	62/54/r
Frankfurt	64/45/c	69/48/pc
Geneva	70/47/c	71/46/pc
Ham., Bermuda	80/75/sh	83/77/r
Helsinki	54/32/pc	51/41/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	91/77/r	90/77/t
Hong Kong	94/79/c	91/77/pc
Islamabad	91/66/s	93/68/pc
Istanbul	76/62/c	76/65/s
Jerusalem	81/63/pc	79/61/s
Johannesburg	90/60/s	91/59/pc
Kabul	82/56/s	80/56/s
Kingston, Jam.	91/79/t	91/79/t
Kolkata	89/79/t	90/79/c
Kyiv	64/51/pc	62/46/pc
Lagos	86/76/t	84/76/t
Lima	72/63/c	70/61/pc
Lisbon	88/65/s	91/66/pc
London	66/57/c	71/56/pc
Madrid	87/61/s	88/61/s
Manila	85/77/t	87/77/t
Mexico City	81/56/c	81/58/pc
Montreal	84/60/pc	76/60/r
Moscow	56/49/sh	52/35/sh
Mumbai	89/78/pc	89/77/pc
Nairobi	80/59/pc	81/59/pc
New Delhi	97/74/s	98/76/s
Oslo	59/44/s	53/40/c
Ottawa	81/63/c	70/56/r
Paris	69/46/c	73/48/pc
Prague	64/44/pc	66/52/c
Rio de Janeiro	82/72/pc	81/76/t
Riyadh	104/76/pc	101/76/pc
Rome	79/60/pc	79/61/pc
San Salvador	83/70/t	84/70/t
Santiago	67/43/s	66/40/pc
Sarajevo	70/48/pc	70/42/pc
Seoul	67/46/s	71/49/c
Shanghai	78/62/s	76/66/pc
Singapore	93/79/s	92/80/t
Stockholm	48/32/pc	51/36/r
Sydney	73/53/s	67/55/s
Taipei City	84/78/r	89/76/r
Tehran	78/55/s	74/60/s
Tokyo	77/63/pc	78/64/s
Toronto	79/61/c	74/53/r
Vienna	71/52/pc	71/51/s
Warsaw	62/47/c	62/56/pc

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sources: **AccuWeather.com**; US Army Centralized Allergen Extract Lab (pollen data); airnow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service

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THE DISTRICT

Man sentenced to over 4 years for Jan. 6 assaults

45-year-old also charged with murder in separate Illinois car crash

BY RACHEL WEINER

Two months after admitting he assaulted a police officer and a journalist during the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, Shane Woods was speeding down Interstate 55 in his pickup at 101 mph when he was stopped by a police officer outside Springfield, Ill., according to court records. The officer said he could smell alcohol on the driver's breath, but Woods denied drinking. Woods said he was "done" and was "going to end it" because he was facing years in prison and likely tax evasion charges.

According to police records, Woods then got back on the highway in the wrong direction, going up an exit ramp and straight into oncoming traffic. The resulting crash killed a 35-year-old woman who was on her way to visit friends in St. Louis. When Woods's blood was drawn at the hospital, it had an alcohol content of .177 — more than twice the legal limit.

Now facing murder charges in Illinois related to the Nov. 8, 2022,



SANGAMON COUNTY JAIL/AP

Shane Woods, who pleaded guilty to felony charges in the Capitol riot, faces murder charges in Illinois after a Nov. 8 car crash.

crash, Woods was sentenced Wednesday to 54 months in prison for his crimes on Jan. 6, 2021. That sentence will begin after any punishment he receives in Illinois.

Woods, 45, came to D.C. that day armed with a knife, after telling a friend, "it's going to be biblical," according to prosecutors. First, he attacked a Capitol Police officer who was part of a small group trying to hold back rioters on the grounds around 2 p.m., as the building was being breached. She had just been hit with bear spray when Woods rammed her into a metal barricade; she later said it felt like she was "hit by a truck."

Hours later, as rioters were being forced out of the Capitol building, Woods and others turned to menacing reporters covering the attack. They climbed over bicycle racks separating camera crews from the crowd. The journalists fled, and rioters, including Woods, started destroying the equipment they left behind. Some poured water on cameras and tried to set them on fire. When a Reuters reporter picked up his video camera and tried to get away, Woods chased him. Getting a running start, Woods slammed into the cameraman's shoulder and sent him and his equipment crashing to the ground.

People in the crowd were filming. Woods turned and smiled for the cameras.

The next day, Woods texted a friend that he believed Donald Trump would still prevail, citing the QAnon conspiracy theory that sees the former president as a messianic warrior.

"Dont give up hope at all," he wrote.

After the car crash in Illinois, Woods was hospitalized with spinal and foot fractures. According to police, he was overheard telling a visitor that his goal had been to drive into a semitrailer truck. The owner of a heating and cooling business outside Springfield, Woods told his probation officer in the D.C. case that he had not paid taxes since 2017.

Two other people were injured in the collision. Along with first-degree murder, Woods is charged in Illinois with driving under the influence involving death, aggravated driving under the influence involving great bodily harm and aggravated fleeing a police officer. He is set to go to trial in January.

In a court filing, defense attorney Dwight Crawley said Woods "comes from a fractured home" and has "untreated mental health issues . . . exacerbated by his drug and alcohol abuse."

VIRGINIA

Loudoun school board member's suit alleging disability bias dismissed

BY KARINA ELWOOD

A federal judge has dismissed a discrimination suit filed by a Loudoun County School Board member against the board, saying her efforts to compel the board to allow her to participate in meetings virtually lacked legal standing.

Denise Corbo (At Large) filed the lawsuit in June, alleging that the board had failed to accommodate her disability. Corbo, who was elected in 2019, has multiple physical impairments, according to the suit, including chronic Lyme disease and autoimmune diseases "that substantially limit her major life activities," including her ability to attend board meetings.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema said Friday that the court would not hear her claims, which also sought $2 million in punitive damages.

In a statement, Corbo's attorney, Matthew E. Hughes, said: "While I strongly believe that the facts support the conclusion that Ms. Corbo was unlawfully denied the right to participate based on her disability, at this time we are reviewing the ruling and considering our options."

Corbo had sought an accommodation in 2021, which the county attorney recommended the board approve, the complaint states. But the board did not grant it even as practices adopted during the pandemic have prompted governments to rethink meeting access.

Board policy requires majority approval for all remote participation requests. At the beginning of each meeting, the board considered Corbo's request to participate remotely. The requests were repeatedly declined, the suit said.

In those instances, the board allowed Corbo to view and listen to meetings through video conferencing, but it did not allow her to make statements, ask questions or vote. The suit also said that Chair Ian Serotkin "refused to assign her to any committee."

Corbo had not attended a meeting in person in more than a year when she filed the suit. She is not running for reelection.

Salvador Rizzo contributed to this report.

MARYLAND

Pentagon official is charged with participating in dogfighting ring

BY TOM JACKMAN AND DAN LAMOTHE

A senior member of the Defense Department communications staff has been arrested and charged with participating in a dogfighting ring in the D.C. area for more than 20 years, federal authorities disclosed Monday. The ring regularly trained dogs for fights, held matches with thousands of dollars bet on the outcomes, and executed dogs that didn't die during matches, court records state.

Frederick Douglass Moorefield Jr., 62, of Arnold, Md., was a deputy chief information officer for command, control and communications for the secretary of defense's chief information officer, court records and Moorefield's LinkedIn page show. He was arrested Sept. 28 on a charge of promoting and furthering an animal fighting venture, along with a longtime friend who allegedly admitted his participation in dogfighting, Mario D. Flythe, 49, of Glen Burnie, Md.

Investigators found battery jumper cables, which allegedly were used to execute dogs at Moorefield's house, along with five pit bull-type dogs at his house and five pit bull-type dogs at Flythe's house, court records show. The FBI, the Agriculture Department and other local and federal agencies raided both houses Sept. 6, finding weighted collars and heavy chains used to increase fighting dogs' strength, according to a federal affidavit.

Both men were released after being arraigned last week. On Tuesday, a federal grand jury indicted both men on charges of conspiracy to engage in an animal fighting venture, possessing and training animals for fighting, and other related counts.

Lt. Cmdr. Tim Gorman, a Pentagon spokesman, said in a statement Monday that the Defense Department was "aware of the criminal complaint" filed against Moorefield in federal district court in Baltimore.

"We can confirm that the individual is no longer in the workplace, but we cannot comment further on an individual personnel matter," Gorman said. He did not say whether Moorefield had been suspended, terminated or allowed to retire.

An affidavit written by FBI Special Agent Ryan C. Daly indicated that authorities have been investigating the dogfighting ring, which called itself "The DMV Board," for years. Nine fellow dogfighters were indicted in Virginia last year, and eight have pleaded guilty and cooperated with investigators. Members communicated on the Telegram messaging app about training fighting dogs, exchanging videos, arranging fights and wagers, and comparing methods of killing dogs that lost fights, the affidavit states.

Online records maintained by the dogs' owners showed that Moorefield had been involved in dogfighting "since at least 2002," Daly wrote, and evidence of Moorefield's training for fights, or refereeing other owners' dogfights, was found periodically over the years, including extensive messaging lining up fights and prize money. Evidence indicated that some fights occurred earlier this year, despite the arrests of others in the ring, and that Moorefield and Flythe were "experimenting with different types of performance enhancing drugs to improve [their] chances of winning dogfights."

Anne Arundel County authorities had received complaints about Moorefield and Flythe for years, and in November 2018, county animal control was alerted to a report of two dead dogs in a plastic dog food bag in Annapolis, about six miles from Moorefield's home, Daly wrote. In addition to the dogs in the bag, investigators found mail addressed to Moorefield, Daly's affidavit stated.

When Daly spoke to Moorefield on the day of the raid, he acknowledged that he operated under the name Geehad Kennels and that local animal control and law enforcement had previously visited his property, the affidavit states. Flythe "admitted to having engaged in dogfighting in the past."

Two lawyers who entered appearances for the men Wednesday did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

A phone number for Moorefield was unavailable, and Flythe did not return a call seeking comment.

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CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK

TV is dead! Long live TV?

Television's boom may be over, but its experimental energy persists

BY LILI LOOFBOUROW

This is a uniquely confusing moment in the history of the small screen.

The Hollywood strikes, one of which has finally ended, haven't just been about the next contract (or the fall TV season). They're also part of an existential fight over what television's next iteration will be.

The battle is being fought against the backdrop of two seismic shifts: the much-discussed decline of prestige television and the beginning of the end of television's disruption by streaming services. The former has arguably been underway for years, while the latter exploded into full view in recent months, as streamers panicked over profitability and the deluge of new content dried up. Together, they are poised to radically alter the television landscape.

That landscape has already, of course, been altered. If prestige shows such as "Breaking Bad" and "The Sopranos" expanded our understanding of what the medium was capable of, streamers spent the past decade supercharging the industry's experimental streak. The antihero dramas were followed by a wave of great, quirky shows that were freed from the constraints of appealing to mainstream audiences. This proliferation of boutique TV wasn't limited to streaming — HBO and FX were major innovators, too — but was driven by disrupters greenlighting weird, exciting ad-free content in a race to acquire new subscribers. It was a TV gold rush,

SEE **CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK** ON **C2**

BOOK WORLD

A close look at FTX founder, but not crypto

BY JAMES LEDBETTER

Toward the end of Michael Lewis's seductive new book, "Going Infinite: The Rise and Fall of a New Tycoon," about the epic collapse of the cryptocurrency exchange FTX and its enigmatic founder, Sam Bankman-Fried (SBF, as he's known), Lewis describes flying in 2022 from California to D.C. As the plane descended, Bankman-Fried, who was then one of the wealthiest people on the planet and a massive donor to political campaigns, told Lewis that he had explored whether it would be legally possible to pay Donald Trump to not run for president in 2024. Through an unknown channel, Bankman-Fried's team unearthed, Lewis writes, "the not terribly earth-shattering news that Donald Trump might indeed have his price: $5 billion." Lewis, who at this point had spent a great deal of time with Bankman-Fried and his colleagues, does not appear to have found this extraordinary claim worth looking into further.

It is not the only moment in the book that leaves the reader wanting to know more — more about whether Bankman-Fried truly believed he was capable of bringing Trump down, more about what

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MacArthur Foundation names grant fellows

Recipients list includes artists as well as activists working on various social issues

BY TRAVIS M. ANDREWS

Ian Bassin would rather talk about the 2024 election — "one of the most consequential" in the history of this nation — but right now he must talk a little bit about himself. His grandparents used to tell him, repeatedly: "Just try to make something worthwhile of yourself."

Standing in his kitchen a few weeks ago, with the MacArthur Foundation on the other end of the phone, Bassin wished he could tell his grandparents the news.

The 47-year-old had won a big prize: a "genius grant" fellowship from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, recognizing his work with Protect Democracy, an organization he co-founded in 2016 to help strengthen American democracy and combat authoritarianism.

This year's class of 20 fellows — whittled down from thousands of nominees, some over a period of years, and publicly announced Wednesday — includes artists, scientists, legal scholars and activists. They fight climate change, examine gene expression and create music. They write novels and study machine learning.

And over the next five years, they will each receive $800,000, in quarterly installments, to use as they see fit.



JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

When composer Courtney Bryan received a call from the foundation, she was under the impression they wanted her to weigh in on another candidate.

The 2016 presidential election made clear to Bassin that "we were living through a global democratic recession," he says. Protect Democracy was his response. The organization's software VoteShield is designed to fight election fraud. Its National Task Force on Election Crises prepares for unprecedented election catastrophes. Its Law for Truth project files defamation lawsuits to help people harmed by conspiracy theories about the 2020 election.

The grants, given every year since 1981, can produce a complicated mix of feelings: honor at the recognition, shock at the money, reflection over the reasons for their work. In California's East Bay area, Diana Greene Foster snuck away from her college-age children and their friends to return the foundation's phone call. She is a demographer who studies abortion — specifically the adverse affects of not receiving a desired one, which is more common now in a post-*Roe v. Wade* era.

SEE **MACARTHUR** ON **C8**

THEATER REVIEW

With 'Jaja's,' a wonderfully woven story

BY PETER MARKS

NEW YORK — Writing what you know works out wonderfully well for playwright Jocelyn Bioh in "Jaja's African Hair Braiding," a sparkling ensemble comedy as tautly woven as one of the intricate hairdos in Jaja's Harlem salon.

Perhaps not since "Hair" itself have flowing locks and what are attached to them made such a becoming impression onstage. Bioh — who notes in the program that she's been wearing braids since she was 4 — has composed a character-rich play, bubbling with personality and marking Bioh's Broadway debut as an occasion worth toasting.

So, here's to director Whitney White and the 10 blazing actors of this Manhattan Theatre Club world premiere, which had its official opening Tuesday night at the Samuel J. Friedman Theatre. Led by Dominique Thorne as Jaja's bright, underemployed daughter and Zenzi Williams as the salon's temperamental senior hairdresser, the cast brings a buoyant, insouciant spirit to the bustle of a day in the life at Jaja's. (The name is pronounced with hard J's.)

New York City-born, Ghanaian Ameri-

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TV's boom cycle is over. But what comes after the crash?

CRITIC'S NOTEBOOK FROM C1

and one broadcast television struggled to keep up with.

That was Peak TV — a term first coined by FX's John Landgraf in 2015 to describe a problem: too many TV shows. That was back when 400 or so scripted shows aired in a year. Last year, which will probably be the literal peak of television production, there were 599.

Now television's boom cycle has gone bust, and Peak TV is winding down, like prestige TV did before it. There are hints of what might come after. The contraction now in progress suggests (given the kinds of projects being canceled) that streamers are embracing more conservative, less experimental programming even as they look for the next "Game of Thrones." There will probably be more revivals. More reboots. And, if some executives have their way, a heavier reliance on formulas and algorithms, perhaps assisted by new technologies such as artificial intelligence.

But the wild, weedy overgrowth of the Peak TV era is yielding fruit, too. Ambitious stuff, some so weird and convention-averse that it fails, some so ethically fraught that watching it work disturbs as much as it thrills. Antiheroes are over. So are dramedies. So, perhaps, are boundary-pushing comedy specials, which may have crested with Bo Burnham's "Inside" and Jerrod Carmichael's "Rothaniel." But there's still experimental energy, and it's popping up through the cracks even as broadcast television languishes and streamers, panicked by losses, scramble to salvage pieces of the TV model they broke.

I think of this latest wave, emerging in the post-apocalyptic aftermath of the Great Television Disruption, as Post-TV.

Whereas Peak TV was epitomized by the dramedy — a poignant compromise of a genre, so nuanced it sometimes lapsed into tepid indeterminacy — Post-TV takes big, definitive swings. If Peak TV centered marginalized perspectives to explore how they coexist with and despite racism and misogyny, Post-TV goes further, sometimes all but forgetting that a dominant culture exists. If Peak TV had winky, self-referential reality shows, Post-TV supercharges the frame and turns the camera on the creators.

With luck, television's next era will retain something of the innovation made possible by this one. Without it, and if the worst tendencies animating the fight between the unions and the studios prevail, television might face a future shaped more by AI and ChatGPT than by the writers, actors and creators who made TV seem capable of something like high art.

The great streaming explosion — and implosion

Peak TV quickly got co-opted, as so many useful terms are, to describe something slightly different: a stunning proliferation of great, idiosyncratic shows that got to exist *because* there was so much output. Thanks to the creative leeway many streamers offered, a lot of very beautiful series got made, among them "Catastrophe," "Transparent," "Fleabag," "The Leftovers," "Reservation Dogs" and "Atlanta." For viewers, this was pretty amazing: no ads, cheap subscriptions and endless offerings on demand, many of them good to great. An enormous range of aesthetic sensibilities was suddenly being catered to. There was a sense of creative and consumer plenty — the same sense that's not so gradually slipping away.

Streaming services have spent the past decade trying to persuade consumers to abandon cable and broadcast television — to become cord-cutters — on the understanding that they'd revolutionized the model and were committed, in the long term, to offering better, more ambitious fare for a lower cost. Now it looks as though they might instead embrace a counterintuitive but predictable retrogression. Their victory over broadcast television now near-complete, many seem poised to turn streaming into a less pleasant user experience that replicates some of the more annoying aspects of cable and broadcast TV — complete with ads, fewer choices, rising prices and increasingly bland offerings pitched to a theoretical mainstream audience.

In 2022, it was reported that streaming, which had for years been nipping at the heels of broadcast television and cable, finally drew a higher viewership share than both, in the same month, for the first time. Yet Netflix lost more subscribers than it signed on in the first quarter of last year, which precipitated an industry-wide panic compounded by streaming losses at Paramount, Disney and NBCUniversal (amounting to more than $8.3 billion). These losses weren't exactly new; Disney's streaming service had lost $630 million just the year before. What changed was the Wall Street consensus on how tolerable those losses were and why they were happening.

The pivot was abrupt. Orders for new shows plummeted. Cancellations of existing series soared. Deals with established creators fell through. There were layoffs. The market for new shows dried up, and a scarcity mind-set materialized overnight in an industry that had, for more than a decade, been buying like crazy and handing out deals right and left.

'Succession' and the end of prestige TV

Under the circumstances, it seems only right that "Succession," the drama about ultrarich siblings squabbling for control of their dad's media empire, ended just before the strikes began. The show is widely cited as prestige television's last gasp.

There was a belatedness to "Succession" that made its reception strangely nostalgic. It felt like a product from a slightly earlier time, and you could almost hear people missing — in advance — the feeling of talking about a show like this. The nostalgia wasn't just for good television with snappy dialogue; it was also for the kind of deeply engaged TV chatter that used to be everywhere. Each episode of "Succession" was received as an event at a moment when it was becoming clear that occasions of this sort would be rare going forward.

The way we used to talk about TV, in person and online, was a golden age unto itself. It was moving to see folks processing art and pleasure and plot, jointly and sociably developing something like a collective critical apparatus. And to see television changing in response — talking back to its fans and critics, sometimes directly. Fans will always exist, but most of the forums for that kind of dedicated, obsessive TV talk (including Twitter and the A.V. Club) have decayed, almost past recognition, if they're even still around. An entire invisible apparatus that enabled the ascent of television to something like art (or at least film) is collapsing.

"Succession's" audience was relatively small. But facing extinction, too, are the Big Shows, such as "Game of Thrones." Puny though these audiences were compared with the sitcoms of the past, they felt like juggernauts. The sense of occasion they provided had value, even if the shows sometimes didn't. We live in a time when any given person's reality is significantly shaped by the inputs their personalized algorithms serve up, and although the Big Shows certainly couldn't get Americans to agree on what's real, there was some comfort in knowing that a big slice of the country could companionably occupy a shared unreality, at least for the space of an episode.

Studios have spent fortunes on would-be Big Shows, but no comparable phenomenon has surfaced. We do, admittedly, still have "House of the Dragon," the "Game of Thrones" prequel, which did great numbers. But there's something just a little ... *unhealthy* about that, isn't there? Not just derivative, but symptomatic of an enormous archive of properties built to feed off established fan bases. I'd cheekily call this "Zombie TV" if there weren't *six* spinoffs of "The Walking Dead." (Along with three "Dexter" spinoffs, four "Yellowstone" offshoots and four variants on "Billions.")

Some genuinely great stuff has come out of this trend. "Better Call Saul" was as good as "Breaking Bad," and "Andor" was superior to almost everything in the Star Wars universe. If "Velma" crashed and burned as a wearisomely self-referential spinoff of "Scooby-Doo," "Wednesday" more than made up for it by becoming one of Netflix's most-watched shows this year.

Yet the sheer abundance of recyclings and revivals seems to signal a downturn. "The Conners" is heading into its sixth season on ABC, "And Just Like That..." just got renewed for a third, "Night Court" and "That '90s Show" for a second, while "Weeds" and "Nurse Jackie" prepare to come back. The TV landscape feels like it's haunted by TV ghosts. Timothy Olyphant resurrected Raylan Givens this year in "Justified: City Primeval," and this fall will mark the return of "Frasier," 30 years after *that* spinoff — among the most successful in television history — first premiered. If that's not nostalgic enough, it'll be set back in Boston, and the first two episodes will be directed by James Burrows, who co-created "Cheers."

Kathy Bates might be fantastic in the new "Matlock." I'm hopeful her undeniable greatness will be transformative. But let's face it: A lot of this year's original scripted television has been pleasant and predictable, a return to tried-and-true formulas. "Poker Face" is no "Russian Doll." It isn't groundbreaking or transcendent. It isn't even particularly ambitious, but it's exactly what you'd want from Rian Johnson and Natasha Lyonne. "Hijack," likewise, is an admirably predictable thriller that lets you relax into Idris Elba's charisma. "The Night Agent" is a better show, but workmanlike: a straightforward political thriller from beginning to end. "The Diplomat" is fun in an algorithmically informed sort of way, more "The West Wing" than "The Americans," with just a hint of the kind of romance I associate with period dramas.

These are all entertaining shows. They are also (sometimes pleasingly) formulaic.

The Post-TV era

Ambitious TV isn't dead. If anything, its experiments are getting even more bold, pointed, self-referential. A subset of shows is emerging that runs on the kind of creative profligacy that defined these past few years in television but that can also only exist in its wake.

A decade spent running hundreds of stories through a public addicted to discussing things online does things to consumers and creators. Audiences became incredibly sophisticated; "Westworld" fan forums, for example, correctly guessed several plot twists in the fabulous puzzle box of a first season, causing writers to (sometimes disastrously) redraft the show. A spiraling feedback loop between savvy viewers and producers doesn't just stop, so a strange bifurcation is underway: Even as streamers scurry back to tested formulas, there's still a discernible avant-garde dedicated to going a little further than Peak TV ever did.

The Peak TV era burned through the burden of representation (usually a first-wave challenge), got past the attendant clichés and found something interesting and chewy on the other side. Much of it remained corrective in spirit, however; if a show's protagonists belonged to a marginalized group, for example, there was a tendency to foreground the ways the oppressive dominant culture drove the conflict.

This new wave sources its conflicts differently, sometimes from entirely within a community, or a genre. I'm thinking of masterpieces such as "Beef," Lee Sung Jin's stunning, hilarious, brutally specific exploration of a particular kind of Southern Californian, intra-Asian American rage that doesn't find Whiteness (for example) interesting enough to define itself against. Or "Mrs. Davis," a Pynchon-esque adventure about the Holy Grail and motherhood that has revolutionized my understanding of what television can do. (Damon Lindelof, one of the co-creators of "Mrs. Davis," stands out as a formidable figure in television, one who has not just survived but also shaped all the eras discussed here.)

Few such shows will be perfect, though those two come close. "Swarm," Janine Nabers and Donald Glover's horror comedy for Prime Video, stars Dominique Fishback as a mild-mannered, hungry and totally ruthless devotee who literally slays on behalf of the singer she idolizes. As a broadside against fan culture, the series falls a little flat, but Fishback's Dre is unforgettable: spectacularly awkward, believable, specific. "Yellowjackets," the show about a high school girls' soccer team stranded after a plane crash, is notable for how carefully it excludes "the patriarchy" from its frame. In fact, the frame — which notoriously causes the protagonists to start eating their teammates — was chosen not just because it would facilitate the cannibal plot but also because it would allow a story about conflict between very flawed women to exist without those distorting effects. "We didn't want it to be about being women in a man's world," one of the showrunners, Ashley Lyle, told the New York Times Magazine.

A second, perhaps related epiphenomenon of Peak TV has been a crop of experimental, reality-distorting shows making interesting use of the conventions of reality TV. Simultaneously hampered and supercharged by self-knowledge, some of these shows have been extraordinary. They have wrecked expectations.

One example is "Jury Duty," the finely calibrated, improvised breakout hit on Freevee that pranked a man by making him think he was a juror in an actual trial when everyone concerned, including the judge, was an actor. It became a massive hit on TikTok, where the target's unflagging decency, despite all that was thrown at him, made him famous and beloved. The series also earned James Marsden an Emmy nomination for playing a vacuous version of himself.

"Jury Duty" forms part of an ethically fraught but addictive emerging genre — "semi-reality TV," maybe? — that suggests audiences might be ready for reality TV to get, oh, prestigious. Interested in questions of authorship. Absorbed in the thorny problem of its own production. The genre includes Nathan Fielder's "The Rehearsal" on HBO, which began as a reality show in which Fielder offered people needlessly accurate reproductions of real-life situations so they could rehearse difficult situations in advance, and became something much stranger. It also includes Jason Woliner's "Paul T. Goldman," a Peacock meta-documentary based on a deluded man's self-published memoir about the end of his marriage that exposes his hubris and gullibility, even as he directs humiliating reenactments of his life. These shows usually end up breaking the fourth wall to include their actual creators, often in unflattering ways. They flirt with control and indict and enhance the television definition of "reality."

Streaming after the flood

The story of emergent microgenres is important. But the bigger story, the one that could fundamentally transform the industry, is the sort of existential war in progress over whether programming in the future will remain a human concern, with actors and writers, or become mostly (or indeed purely) algorithmic.

That's an extreme formulation. But long before they started panicking over profits, studios were doing body scans of extras so as to have their digital likenesses and using available technology to "resurrect" deceased actors. The Writers Guild of America and Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists strikes were the product of a climate where content producers desperate to cut costs are quite likely to explore how much they can rely on new technologies such as AI and ChatGPT instead of (for example) writers.

We could, at least in theory, go from Peak TV, a moment known for the free rein it gave creatives, to one in which algorithms effectively supplant them.

For now, at least, the creators are fighting back, and not just on the picket lines. And if Post-TV describes shows still pursuing bold experiments in a climate that doesn't particularly encourage them, some older properties might make the cut, too. "Black Mirror," for instance, a Netflix show that peaked back when streamers were on the rise, returned this year with an aggressive revision of its usual brand. Several episodes replaced its trademark nightmarish technofuturism with pure, supernatural horror.

But the tech dystopias weren't entirely absent: In the first episode of its most recent season, "Black Mirror" made the villain a Netflix stand-in armed with a powerful, identity-stealing algorithm. That episode, "Joan Is Awful," is a fun bit of human pluck.

But it feels a little like an entry in the annals of "semi-reality TV" that Netflix allowed it.



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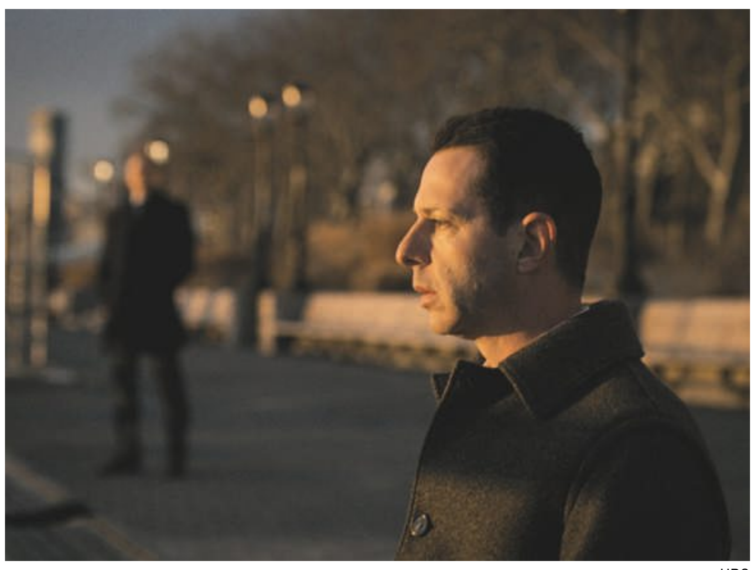
Dominique Fishback, left, and Billie Eilish in "Swarm," Janine Nabers and Donald Glover's near-perfect horror comedy for Prime Video.



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FROM LEFT: Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie in Max's "Sex and the City" sequel, "And Just Like That...," which was renewed for a third season. Ronald Gladden, left, and James Marsden in "Jury Duty," which forms part of an ethically fraught but addictive emerging genre. Jeremy Strong in the series finale of HBO's "Succession," a show that has been widely cited as prestige television's last gasp.

Locks to love about Bioh's 'Jaja's African Hair Braiding'

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can Bioh has tapped a deep comedic vein in plays set in West Africa and in the immigrant communities of her hometown. "Schoolgirls, or the African Mean Girls Play," the 2017 seriocomedy that put her on the map, explored colorism and body image at a girls' academy in Ghana; "Nollywood Dreams" followed in 2021 as a sendup of the Tinseltown aspirations of the Nigerian film industry.

As with her 2021 adaptation in Central Park of Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor," Bioh shifts her gaze in "Jaja's" to Manhattan and struggling working-class people from Senegal, Sierra Leone and Ghana. Her obvious affection for her characters is tempered in many instances by a recognition of their foibles: their vanity, their insecurities, their often petty competitiveness. In other words, they're all patently human, and always theatrically so.

The playwright does at the end of this wickedly entertaining evening give in to the urge to highlight her characters' plights a bit too baldly (sorry). Other than that, though, she and White so skillfully orchestrate her workplace comedy that you're put in mind of the beauty parlor in "Steel Magnolias," or, more potently, of a master such as August Wilson portraying the cabbies dispatched from a Pittsburgh storefront in "Jitney."



MATTHEW MURPHY

Brittany Adebumola, left, and Dominique Thorne.

In "Jaja's African Hair Braiding," we're flies on the wall on a hot summer day in 2019, when the unreliable air conditioner — in a salon rendered by set designer David Zinn as a pink rotating box — heightens the tensions. Braiding with hair pieces of various lengths is labor-intensive and sometimes physically debilitating: the proceedings are therefore primed for irritability and occasional freakouts. (When a customer played by Rachel Christopher asks for micro braids, a style that takes all day to complete, the staff reflexively tries to hide.)

Just enough of the salon workers' personal stories are elucidated to accommodate our inquiring minds: Aminata (Nana Mensah) and her troubled marriage; Miriam (Brittany Adebumola), who had to leave her daughter in Sierra Leone; Ndidi (Maechi Aharanwa), forced out of her old salon by a fire. Other customers, all played to the hilarious hilt by Kalyne Coleman and Lakisha May, are running jokes about the absurd expectations, highhanded demands and short fuses clients bring with them. (One of them cannot be dissuaded from the view that her artificial tresses make her a dead ringer for Beyoncé.)

Costume designer Dede Ayite devises looks for the women ranging from demure to outrageous. Playing all of the male characters — husbands, door-to-door salesmen, pitchmen on the salon TV — Michael Oloyede gets his own share of remarkable get-ups. But it's Nikiya Mathis who is the design hero of "Jaja's African Hair Braiding": She's the show's hair and wig designer, responsible for the eye-popping assortment of African braids sported by the cast. The customer Zenzi Williams's Bea has coming in late in the day is worth waiting for, with little cat-toy-like baubles in her hair and extensions of a hue better known in "Barbie" than in nature.

Bioh's comedy is in service, though, of the more affecting characteristics shared by the women of "Jaja's": a stubborn resilience, a Chekhov-echoing faith that their taxing handiwork will pay off. This bittersweet facet of the play seems to betoken Bioh's not-so-sunny perspective, which emerges as the 95 minutes of "Jaja's" wind down, when she introduces a harsher reality.

It is Jaja herself, in the person of the effervescent Somi Kakoma, who bears the brunt. You sense in her fate the dramatist's anger, as she pulls the rug of joy out from under "Jaja's" and forces us to confront a colder truth about the dangers immigrants face. The customers' braids may hold, it seems, even when the braider's life unravels.

Jaja's African Hair Braiding, by Jocelyn Bioh. Directed by Whitney White. Set, David Zinn; costumes, Dede Ayite; lighting, Jiyoun Chang; music and sound, Justin Ellington; video, Stefania Bulbarella; hair and wigs, Nikiya Mathis. About 95 minutes. Through Nov. 5 at Samuel J. Friedman Theatre, 261 W. 47th St., New York. *manhattantheatreclub.com*.

'Going Infinite' spotlights Bankman-Fried but fails to capture crypto's nuances

BOOK WORLD FROM C1

actually happened at FTX. At moments, Lewis seems so willing to let Bankman-Fried off the hook, even after he was charged with fraud and money laundering, for which he is on trial this week.

There was a time, especially in 2020 and 2021, with bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies skyrocketing in price, when you could make the most bullish crypto claim without challenge. But since the spectacular tumble of FTX, many a bearish claim will be accepted without challenge. The most common narrative now is: How didn't you know from the get-go that cryptocurrency was a scam? Intriguingly, Lewis's book began life in the before times and arguably ends there, too. That is, he met Bankman-Fried in late 2021, at the apex of his wealth and influence, and got sucked in: "His ambition was grandiose, but he wasn't," Lewis writes. ". . . I was totally sold." Once the indictments thundered down, Lewis scrambled to rewrite. Since his access to Bankman-Fried was already orders of magnitude greater than any other writer had, he automatically got a richer portrait.

Lewis is known for giving readers such deep, emotionally driven stories that they often end up as Hollywood films, such as "Moneyball" and "The Blind Side." Plenty of that is on display in "Going Infinite"; through Lewis's vivid portrayal, readers get a thorough look at Bankman-Fried's brainy but detached childhood. He had no real friends and struggles to list any for Lewis by name. By the time Bankman-Fried was 8, his mother said that she "had given up on the idea that his wants and needs would be anything like other children's." She recounts a time she took him to an amusement park. "Are you having fun, Mom?" he asked after several supposed amusements, "by which he meant, *Is this really your or anyone's idea of fun?*"

Bankman-Fried's lack of connection to his peers and unusual interests as a child were of little

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more than individual concern as he moved into his 20s, but then he stumbled into the world of crypto trading, in part because of his interest in utilitarianism and the movement known as effective altruism (EA), which posits that any person's worth should be measured by how much net good they accomplish in their lives. Bankman-Fried's interpretation of this philosophy, he has said, was to maximize his earnings so he could donate gobs of money to charitable causes that would save lives. He did this by co-founding Alameda Research, a trading firm that exploited discrepancies between the prices of crypto in different markets.

In the wake of FTX's implosion, it has become fashionable to dismiss EA as a pretext for the company's alleged fraud. But Lewis persuasively portrays FTX and Alameda Research as heavily influenced by EA, especially in their earliest days. Bankman-Fried recruited key employees from EA circles, in part because they were the closest personal connections he'd ever made, but also because they were bound to be more loyal than the average financial executive working for an obscure company that moved from Berkeley to Hong Kong to the Bahamas in a few short years.

If anything, Lewis paints EA as a borderline cult. And that may have been part of FTX's problem: If your team truly believes that they're helping the world by amassing piles of money, they may not pay much attention to how poorly the company is being run. There was no conventional board of directors. There was no chief financial officer. Even the org chart was a well-kept secret; Lewis writes that it was handed to him "with a whisper that might accompany the transfer of a classified document." In the early days, the funding came from EA investor loans that were charging 50 percent interest; Lewis notes that "in their financial dealings with each other, the effective altruists were more ruthless than Russian oligarchs."

Some might argue that a crypto exchange is inherently dodgy because cryptocurrency is largely imaginary, but even if the criminal charges had never emerged, the lack of any financial controls at FTX should have sent employees to the door. And in 2018, it did. Alameda Research was making money by arbitrage trades on the cryptocurrency ripple. When it was discovered that $4 million in ripple was missing, and Bankman-Fried had neither explanation nor concern, the entire management team and half the employees left. Bizarrely, they later found the missing ripple; it had been inadvertently locked up in other crypto exchanges.

You can't read Lewis's book without thinking that, on some level, Bankman-Fried believes the "missing" $8 billion that led to FTX's bankruptcy will be found, too. It's the most likely explanation for why he insisted on going to trial, rather than taking a plea (as his colleagues did), even when Lewis notes that less than half of 1 percent of those charged with a crime by the U.S. government in 2022 were acquitted. At times, Lewis seems so deeply enmeshed in Bankman-Fried's corner that he, too, thinks the money will turn up. He spends much of the end of the book second-guessing the choices and interpretations made by John Ray, the CEO appointed to run FTX after it went bankrupt, rather than drilling down into the company's fraud (admittedly, no easy task). Bankman-Fried has argued, and Lewis at times echoes, that the company was never technically insolvent. That could be true, but it hardly matters now; Bankman-Fried is not on trial for going bankrupt, he's on trial for fraud and money laundering.

A more nuanced breakdown of what went wrong — or any big-picture argument about crypto — would have bolstered Lewis's book, which ends up focusing mostly on Bankman-Fried's story and personality, and lacks some of the finer-grained financial analysis of his previous books, such as "Liar's Poker" and "The Big Short." Readers looking for that might instead turn to Zeke Faux's "Number Go Up: Inside Crypto's Wild Rise and Staggering Fall" (Crown Currency, $29), in which Bankman-Fried makes several dramatic appearances, including one where he all but confesses his role in the crimes with which he's charged. It's one of the better choices in the fertile crop of crypto books, which includes "Easy Money: Cryptocurrency, Casino Capitalism, and the Golden Age of Fraud" (Abrams Press, $28), by "The O.C." actor turned writer Ben McKenzie and journalist Jacob Silverman. Both "Easy Money" and "Number Go Up" take the opposite approach of Lewis, positioning themselves as "I told you so" narratives.

You can skip "Easy Money," which is pretentious and factually sloppy, but Faux's boisterous, masterfully written book is worth a read. An extension of a Bloomberg Businessweek cover story that he published in 2021, it focuses largely on the meteoric rise of the "stablecoin" tether, which he convincingly portrays as a license to create digital money out of nothing, and which went on to prop up the price and infrastructure around bitcoin to this day. Tether, which has had numerous clashes with regulators, was the brainchild of Brock Pierce (and two others), an improbable character who was a child actor in "The Mighty Ducks." Faux's cast of misfits and con artists never fails to entertain.

None of these books grapple meaningfully with the stubborn reality that cryptocurrency, for all the fraud it has engendered, is not going away. Faux argues that his Visa card makes cryptocurrency unnecessary; even if he is right, tens of millions of people across the globe own it and even more still want to. A speculative gamble, fear of inflation, dissatisfaction with government-controlled money and the fees that traditional banks attach to simple transactions (such as making cross-border payments) will continue to drive demand for crypto. In the early days of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the world watched as millions of dollars in crypto aid zapped instantly to help. The tales in these books certainly make a powerful case for desperately needed smarter regulation of crypto, but it's a high-tech genie that won't be forced back into its blockchain bottle.



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Gayle King, Tom Hanks among those warning followers about AI deepfakes

BY ANUMITA KAUR

On Monday, a "CBS Mornings" co-host warned thousands of social media followers that an AI-rendered image of her was falsely promoting a product that she has no connection with. A day earlier, an Oscar-winning actor told people to "beware" of an AI image of himself floating around on the internet. The same day, a YouTube star with 188 million followers said AI-doctored content was trying to shill for a "scam" using his likeness.

The three celebrities — with large followings in their respective realms — started a week of high-profile reactions to AI-altered images that underscore the increasing contention regarding the use of artificial intelligence and its ability to reproduce people's likenesses regardless of their consent.

Gayle King of CBS News posted a warning to Instagram on Monday, sharing a snippet of a video that used her likeness for a purported weight loss product.

"People keep sending me this video and asking about this product and I have NOTHING to do with this company," King wrote, stamping the words "fake video" across her AI depiction. "I've never heard of this product or used it! Please don't be fooled by these AI videos."

Representatives of King "have requested that the fake video be taken down several times," said Samantha Graham, a CBS News spokesperson. "Gayle was made aware of this by friends who reached out to her about it."

Academy Award winner Tom Hanks warned his 9.5 million followers of a similar scam Sunday.

"There's a video out there promoting some dental plan with an AI version of me. I have nothing to do with it," Hanks posted to Instagram.

It is unclear what entities were behind the deepfakes, or false images purporting to be real, that featured King's and Hanks's doctored footage. Hanks's representatives declined to respond to The Washington Post's questions. His post did not name the alleged dental company that depicted his likeness, and he didn't share the video. King's post showed a logo for "Artipet," for which a web search showed little online presence Tuesday evening.

The conversations, legal recourse and regulations around the technology remain murky, with few concrete laws in the United States or around the world targeting unauthorized AI-generated content.

Many companies are rethinking or reducing ethical AI research, often as part of broader cost-cutting, even as new applications of the technology are booming. Some schools have banned access to ChatGPT, an AI bot that can churn out responses or answers to students' schoolwork in mere moments. AI images such as the ones Hanks and King called out are becoming harder to distinguish from real ones as tech companies improve their AI products, giving way to misinformation — in the case of these celebrities, false advertisements. The technology may take jobs from already disadvantaged groups as well.

It's a sticking point in Hollywood, too. The use of AI is among the issues on the bargaining table between the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) and major Hollywood studios. The actors union remains on a months-long strike against studios, even after the Writers Guild of America recently ended its strike.

SAG-AFTRA seeks protections for its members from having their likeness, voice or performances used without their consent or without compensation.



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Tom Hanks, left, Gayle King and Jimmy Donaldson, who posts to YouTube as MrBeast, have recently been the targets of deepfakes.

In an FAQ about the strike authorization, the union said AI's ability to mimic these creative expressions is a "real and immediate threat to the work of our members." The guild also wants to prevent studios from being able to train AI to create performances from an actor's existing work.

Hanks has expressed worry about the technology, too. In an interview with the Adam Buxton Podcast this year, the actor said AI allows fake versions of actors to proliferate — and, if allowed, the public may not know or care.

"Right now if I wanted to, I could get together and pitch a series of seven movies that would star me in them in which I would be 32 years old, from now until kingdom come. Anybody can now re-create themselves at any age they are by way of AI or deepfake technology," Hanks told Buxton.

"I could be hit by a bus tomorrow, and that's it, but performances can go on and on and on and on. And outside of the understanding that it's been done with AI or deepfake, there'll be nothing to tell you that it's not me," he said. "That's certainly an artistic challenge, but it's also a legal one."

"We saw this coming. We saw that there was going to be this ability to take zeros and ones inside a computer and turn it into a face and a character. Now that has only grown a billionfold since then, and we see it everywhere," Hanks added. "I can tell you that there [are] discussions going on in all of the guilds, all of the agencies, and all of the legal firms to come up with the legal ramifications of my face and my voice — and everybody else's — being our intellectual property."

Beyond Hollywood, social media stars are calling out the technology for its dubious impacts.

YouTube star MrBeast, whose real name is Jimmy Donaldson, shared an AI-generated video of himself Sunday. Like the ones of King and Hanks, the video depicted a false Donaldson, who has 188 million YouTube followers, making claims that the real Donaldson doesn't endorse.

He called it a "deepfake scam ad."

"If you're watching this video, you're one of the 10,000 lucky people who will get an iPhone 15 Pro for just $2," the video advertisement told viewers. "I'm MrBeast and I'm doing the world's largest iPhone 15 giveaway. Click the link below to claim yours now."

Donaldson criticized the TikTok-based video on X, one of several sites that have struggled over the years to contain such misinformation. "Are social media platforms ready to handle the rise of AI deepfakes?" he asked. "This is a serious problem."

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TV REVIEW

Season 2 of 'Loki' is a return to form for Marvel Studios

Looming threat of DC makes it the perfect time for follow-up's arrival

BY DAVID BETANCOURT



GARETH GATRELL

Tom Hiddleston, foreground, portrays Loki in the Disney Plus show of the same name, which is back for Season 2 on Thursday.

Disney Plus's greatest Marvel Studios flex was back in 2021.

In January, a world nearly a year into quarantining was introduced to "WandaVision." The series was a social media darling. Think Kelce/Swift but with superpowers.

Then came "Loki" later that year, which dared to be even better than "WandaVision" (no easy feat) and perhaps set an unfair standard for Marvel shows that followed. "Loki" was Tom Hiddleston's love letter to a comic-book-loving fandom who adored his turn as key villain turned antihero — a star performance that made him an undeniable cog in the Marvel Studios machine.

"Loki" was not more of the same god of mischief antics of old. The series traded the character's Asgardian royalty and arrogance and opened his eyes to greater stakes when he was charged with overseeing the greatest and most undefeated power of all: time itself.

The first season of "Loki" worked because it was so different from anything we'd seen the character in before. The series took Hiddleston, a relic of Marvel Studios' glory days, and made him new again within the Marvel Cinematic Universe. This Loki somehow had a conscience. Not even Robert Downey Jr. has been given a baptism to come back as something so completely different within the MCU. (Not yet, anyway.) The result was simple. Loki as a time cop, alongside the never-not-funny Owen Wilson, was simply good television.

Now it's time to flex again. "Loki" is back for a second season, streaming Thursday. And based on the first four episodes made available to critics, it's the best Disney Plus original from Marvel Studios since … "Loki."

In a series that is all about time, the timing of "Loki's" return can't be understated.

The MCU isn't under attack per se, but it's no longer a critic-proof party, either. Cries of superhero fatigue, whether you believe them or not, persist. Despite those cries, the threat of James Gunn, his new Superman and DC Studios is right around the corner.

For the first time, Marvel Studios' power seems up for grabs. The timing of Hiddleston's return couldn't be more perfect, or more needed.

Whatever it is that has been ailing the MCU of late, this new season of "Loki" is the elixir and is very much still a prime Marvel Studios viewing experience.

In Season 1, Hiddleston played the trickster god imprisoned by the Time Variance Authority, a policing agency created by an entity called He Who Remains (Jonathan Majors) to protect the sanctity of time and make sure nothing alters it. At the start of Season 2, the timeline is in shambles, and Loki is glitching between the reality he knows and branches of time where he is a stranger even to those closest to him. The only way to fix things? Find one of the "variants" of He Who Remains and try to stop a flood of multiple realities busting loose.

Hiddleston's out-of-character heroics as Loki this season are mixed with reminders that he's one of the MCU's greatest villains. Loki's evil side is a hibernating bear that, once poked, proves why Hiddleston plays such a good bad guy to begin with. Hiddleston's Loki isn't about that life anymore. But he'll show you the horns if you push him hard enough.

Wilson continues to be a shockingly perfect fit for the MCU as the TVA's Agent Mobius. If your geek bingo card didn't have the guy from "Zoolander" and "Wedding Crashers" rising up the ranks of your favorite Marvel characters, you're not alone. Mobius learned in "Loki's" first season that his whole life as a time cop had been a lie. He was someone before the TVA. But he has no recollection of it. Now, instead of finding out who he really is, Mobius buries his head into being the best time cop he can be.

Wilson brings comedic gravitas to the character that makes you want to know more about who he really is — even if he doesn't want that for himself. This could easily be a show where people just care about Loki. But it isn't, because Wilson steals a good amount of the scenes he's in.

Sophia Di Martino returns as Sylvie, a variant of Loki whom he's in love with (because, of course, the only person Loki could love more than himself, is himself). Sylvie's significance is in who lies at the wrong end of her blade. She killed He Who Remains at the end of last season, despite a warning that such an act would release multiple versions of him, or variants, onto the universe.

One such variant is here now in Season 2, played by Majors, who returns to "Loki" as Victor Timely, a man in the 19th century who's trapped in an era where technology can't match the power of his genius. Victor Timely is a potential reflection of Kang, the ultimate Avengers villain Majors is scheduled to play in future movies after debuting as the character in "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania." The mystery is whether Majors will continue to play the character after his recent legal troubles.

"Loki" was always meant to be a bridge to the next big Avengers movie, with Majors' involvement as the variants of He Who Remains being a part of the journey. Neither Majors nor Marvel Studios has mentioned his future as Kang since his arrest earlier this year. At least for now, he appears to remain an active part of "Loki."

Season 2 of "Loki" is a return to form for what fans expect from Marvel Studios. Hiddleston can't do the heavy lifting for Marvel Studios forever — eventually someone else has to step up — but there's nothing wrong with him saving the day right now.

Loki Season 2 begins streaming Thursday at 9 p.m. on Disney Plus, with subsequent episodes releasing weekly.

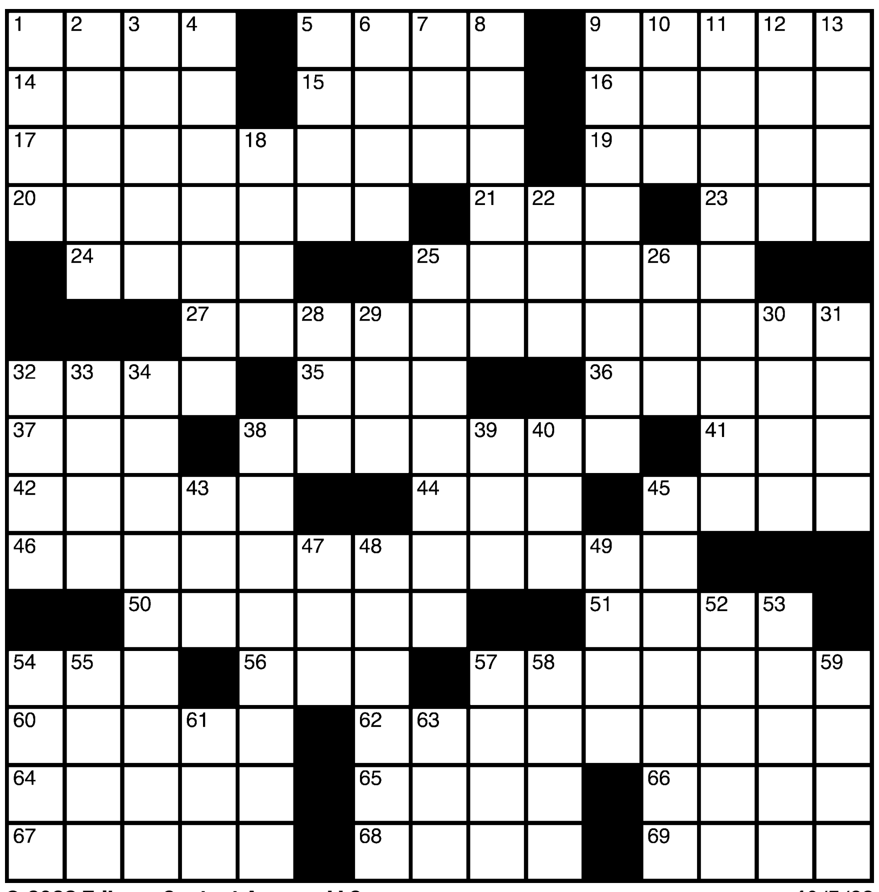
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7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Wheel**	♦ **Jeopardy!**	♦ **Bachelor**		♦ **Bachelor in Paradise**				♦ **News**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **InsideEd.**	♦ **ET**	♦ **Buddy Games**		♦ **Big Brother** (Live)		♦ **Challenge**		♦ **9 News**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **Rosa**		♦ **Eternamente**		♦ **Tierra de esperanza**		♦ **Minas de pasión**		♦ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ **FamFeud**	♦ **FamFeud**	♦ **Fox 5 News**		♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ FamFeud	♦ Puzzler	♦ Dateline
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Context	♦ Key	♦ The Yorkshire Vet		♦ Doc Martin		♦ Marriage		♦ Farm
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AMC	(5:30) Movie: Poltergeist (1982)		Movie: The Exorcist ★★★★ (1973) Jesuits try to rescue a possessed girl (Linda Blair).					(:45) Movie: Jeepers Creepers ★★ (2001)	
Animal Planet	Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Bigfoot
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ESPN	(4:30) **Baseball**	**Baseball** (Live)	**MLB Baseball** Miami Marlins at Philadelphia Phillies (Live)						**SportCtr** (Live)
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Fox News	**Ingraham** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News**
Freeform	(6:30) Movie: Monsters, Inc. ★★★ (2001)			Movie: Monsters University ★★★ (2013) At first rivals, Mike and Sulley became the best of pals.					The 700 Club
FX	Movie: The Avengers ★★★ (2012) Superheroes team up to save the world from disaster.						Movie: The Avengers ★★★ (2012)		
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Raise a Glass to Love (2021)		Movie: A Very Venice Romance (2023)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	Movie: A Christmas to Remember (2016)				Movie: Time for You to Come Home for Christmas (2019)				Murder ...
HBO	(6:15) Movie: Cesar Chavez ★★ (2014)		Movie: Gangs of New York ★★★ (2002) A young man in 1860s New York plans to avenge his father.					(:50) Ringleader: Bli	
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Nat'l Geographic	The Story of Us		The Story of Us		The Story of Us		Movie: **Bobi Wine: The People's ...**		
NBC SportsNet	Hometow..	**Capitals**	Washingt..	Caps Line	Beyond the	Caps Line	BeyondT..	Hershey Bears:	
Nickelodeon	Movie: Monster High 2 (2023) (P)				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
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Paramount	Movie: It ★★★ (2017) Maine children unite to fight an ancient, evil clown. (P)						Movie: Pet Sematary ★★ (2019)		
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Syfy	(6:30) Movie: The Conjuring 2 ★★★ (2016) Paranormal investigators battle demonic possession.					Movie: The Protégé ★★ (2021) (P)			
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TCM	(6:00) Movie: This Is Elvis ★★ (1981)		Movie: El Norte ★★★ (1983) Guatemalan children face betrayal and exploitation in L.A.					Movie: Border Incident ★★★ (1950)	
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TNT	(5:15) Movie: O...	**NHL Hockey** Boston Bruins at New York Rangers (Live)					**NHL Hockey** Colorado Avalanche at Vegas Golden Knights (Live)		
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USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		Movie: Ghostbusters ★★★ (1984)					Movie: Ghostbusters...	
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35 Irish __
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Ex-friend says I did '1,000 things' to hurt her, but won't elaborate. What to do?

Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: I am in a group of four women who have played bridge together almost every week for more than 25 years. A year ago, one of the women in our group abruptly cut all of us off. Through texts and emails, she told us that she cannot be friends with us anymore. She would not make time to see us in person.

She seems to be particularly mad at me, so I emailed her trying to find out what had happened. She started with a paragraph about all my wonderful qualities, then said we can no longer be friends. She wrote that I have done "1,000 things to hurt" her over the years, but she would not tell me what they were.

Her son is getting married soon, and she has invited the other two members of our group, but not my husband and me. As far as I know, she does not see or talk to the other two, either. I am quite devastated by this and communicated my feelings. I am very hurt the other two are going to the wedding when I have been so slighted and hurt. I am not sure whether I can keep the hurt from affecting the remaining relationships. I would like your take.

— *Hurt*

Hurt: I am not sure it is fair to judge these other people for accepting an invitation you were denied. This former friend has (perhaps deliberately) set a mystery in motion, and it will corrode your other relationships if you let it. Then you will have lost three friends instead of one.

I cannot dive in and decode this strange turn of events for you, but in my opinion, it is extremely cowardly to confront someone partway, crack open a box of mysteries, then slam it shut.

If there is an extreme difference in temperament and personality between the two of you (you are outgoing and assertive while she is shy and passive), she may have felt dominated or silenced. You could ask your other friends for any insight they may have. One advantage of their glancing contact with this person is that they may bring back some valuable information.

Dear Amy: A few years ago, I started volunteering one day a week for a small local nonprofit food organization. This is not my first experience as an involved volunteer, and, of course, I have also been in various workplaces. Although I enjoyed and felt good about what I was doing, I overlooked the lack of protocols for safety and training, attributing it to the growth and learning of the nonprofit, especially in recent years.

When I tried to address issues as they arose, however, I felt unheard. Nothing was done. I have not felt appreciated or respected by staff or even other volunteers. A few months ago, I was injured because of the actions of another volunteer. This person did not apologize or show any concern for my well-being. After I filled out an incident report, the staff did not check on me.

I told them I was taking three months off to focus on family and other responsibilities. I got a message from the volunteer coordinator asking whether I enjoyed my time away, and would I like to return? As much as I care about the cause, I cannot go back if things do not change there, but I am not sure how to address these issues. Should I write a short response indicating I have concerns, or a longer one outlining them as constructive criticism? Or should I let it go and move on altogether?

— *Disappointed Volunteer*

Disappointed Volunteer: You should respond by outlining your specific concerns about this organization. Keep your tone neutral, but definitely describe any health and safety violations you witnessed during your time there, as well as the lack of adequate training. Tell them you value their mission but will not be returning as a volunteer.

Dear Amy: "Teen With No Experience" worried about gaining sexual experience in high school. I am surprised and disappointed that you did not suggest she consider confiding in her parents, a trusted aunt or uncle, a school counselor or a minister at her church with her questions and concerns about sexuality and virginity. There is a lot of peer pressure in school. I would not dismiss the help and insights people outside her circle of friends could offer!

— *Jeff in Denver*

Jeff in Denver: Some of these adults might not offer supportive advice, but I do agree with your suggestion overall.

Amy's column appears seven days a week at *washingtonpost.com/advice*. Write to *askamy@amydickinson.com* or Amy Dickinson, P.O. Box 194, Freeville, N.Y. 13068. You can also follow her *@askingamy*.

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Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 2:00-3:15-4:15-6:30
Expend4bles (R) CC: 2:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 4:15-8:45
The Royal Hotel (R) CC: 7:45-10:05
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 2:00
The Nun II (R) CC: 11:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:40-8:10-10:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:15
Bottoms (R) CC: 3:00-5:20-7:45-10:05
Dumb Money (R) CC: 5:15-7:45-10:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 5:00-7:40-10:20
Saw X (R) CC: 4:40-7:30-10:15
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 2:00
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 7:00-8:50-10:40
She Came to Me (R) CC: 6:00-8:30-10:40
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 3:15-5:30
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630 Rhode Island Ave NE
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) 7:00-10:15
Flora and Son (R) 3:30
The Creator (PG-13) 3:30
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Dumb Money (R) 4:45-7:45-10:30
Saw X (R) 4:00-7:15-9:15
The Creator (PG-13) 4:30-6:30-8:00-9:30-10:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 6:00-9:45

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Bottoms (R) 2:20
Dumb Money (R) 2:30-5:00-7:30
The Creator (PG-13) 2:00-4:45-7:00
Stop Making Sense (PG) 4:40-7:40

Avalon Theatre
5612 Connecticut Avenue
Scrapper 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:30
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Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest
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Bottoms (R) 4:20-7:10
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The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-7:20

Landmark E Street Cinema
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Bottoms (R) 3:00
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Dumb Money (R) 4:20

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MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
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Babygirl (NR) 5:00
Miúcha, the Voice of Bossa Nova 9:30
Invisible Beauty 4:20
Dumb Money (R) 12:00-2:10-8:45
Stop Making Sense (PG) 7:05-9:15

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
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AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 1:50-2:45-4:20-6:45
Expend4bles (R) CC: 1:20-4:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:40-3:50-7:10
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:15-7:15
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:15-4:15-7:00
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:30-4:30-7:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 5:00-6:30-7:45
Saw X (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:05
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 1:15-2:15-3:30-3:45-4:30-6:35-9:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 2:00-4:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 6:00-9:00
The Royal Hotel (R) CC: 7:00-9:30
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 6:35-9:20
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:05-3:50-6:35-9:25
Mother Teresa and Me 7:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:20
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-6:50-9:25
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 5:00-8:00
The Blind (PG-13) 4:00-7:00
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 7:30-9:30
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 2:45
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 1:45
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 1:00-3:45
When Evil Lurks 5:00
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 6:00-9:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 3:15-6:20-9:25
Saw X (R) CC: 1:20-4:15-7:15-9:40
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 7:00

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:20-7:15-10:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-2:30-3:00-5:00-7:00-9:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 1:45-4:20-7:15-10:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-10:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:45
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45-10:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:45-5:20-7:55-10:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 1:30
Dumb Money (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 6:00-9:00
Saw X (R) CC: 12:00-3:00
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 7:30
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:45
The Kill Room (R) CC: 7:30
The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 12:15-2:40
On Fire (PG-13) CC: 4:15
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30-9:30
When Evil Lurks 5:00
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 5:00-8:00
Moscow Mission (Mosike xingdong) 8:00
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 9:45
Dumb Money (R) OC: 10:15
Saw X (R) CC: 12:45-3:40-6:30-9:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 7:00-8:30-10:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 6:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) OC: 5:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 1:00-3:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 1:20-1:50-3:40-4:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:00
Expend4bles (R) CC: 2:45-5:20-8:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-3:40-6:25-9:10
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:25
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:30-4:10-6:00-6:50-8:45-9:30
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 6:30
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:00-3:35-6:10-8:45
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 6:00-8:45
Saw X (R) CC: 3:15-5:00-6:10
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 1:30
On Fire (PG-13) CC: 2:45
When Evil Lurks 5:00-7:30
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 5:00-7:45
The Creator (PG-13) OC: 8:30
Saw X (R) OC: 9:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 9:15
Saw X (R) 8:00

AMC Montgomery 16
7101 Democracy Boulevard
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:15-4:30-7:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 3:15-5:15
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 2:00-3:30-4:30-6:00-7:00-9:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 3:30
Expend4bles (R) CC: 2:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 8:15-11:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 2:10-5:30-6:45-8:45-9:45-10:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 2:20-7:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 2:45-5:30-8:15-10:50
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:45
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 11:00
Dumb Money (R) CC: 2:30-5:15-8:00-10:45
The Blind (PG-13) 2:25
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 5:00-6:30-7:45-9:15-10:30
Saw X (R) CC: 2:45-4:45-7:45-10:45
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 2:30-4:45-6:30-9:00
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 8:30
She Came to Me (R) CC: 6:00-8:45
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 2:05
The Ex-Files 4: Marriage Plan 3:45
When Evil Lurks 5:00-10:15
Moscow Mission (Mosike xingdong) 8:00-10:00

AMC St. Charles Town Ctr 9
11115 Mall Circle
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-7:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 2:15
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:30-5:15-8:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:15-7:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45
Dumb Money (R) CC: 12:30-3:15-6:00-8:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 5:00-8:00
Saw X (R) CC: 1:00-4:00-7:45
Expend4bles (R) 2:00-4:45-7:30
The Nun II (R) 1:45-4:30-7:15

Cinemark Egyptian 24 and XD
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
The Creator (PG-13) 12:10-12:40-3:20-3:50-6:30-7:00-9:40-10:10
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-6:00-8:00-9:00-11:00; 5:30-6:30-8:30-9:30-11:30
Saw X (R) 10:30-10:50-1:25-1:45-4:20-4:40-7:15-7:35-9:45-10:15-10:35
Stop Making Sense (PG) 2:35
Barbie (PG-13) 10:05-3:40
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 10:20-1:20-4:10
Oppenheimer (R) 10:55-2:55-6:55
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:15-11:40-12:05-1:45-2:10-4:15-4:40-6:45-7:10
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 11:50-3:30-10:05
Expend4bles (R) 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:00-2:00-4:55-7:40-10:30
The Creator (PG-13) 10:00-1:10
The Nun II (R) 10:40-1:35-4:30-7:20-9:55-10:20
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 10:35-1:30-4:25-7:05-10:00
Mother Teresa and Me 7:00
The Vaccine War 3:25-10:30
Talk to Me (R) 9:00
Fukrey 3 11:35-7:00
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 10:25-1:20-4:10
Dumb Money (R) 12:05-2:50
Saw X (R) 2:05
The Blind (PG-13) 12:00-3:00-6:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 7:00-7:30-10:00-10:30
She Came to Me (R) 6:00-8:40-11:20
The Kill Room (R) 1:05
The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 10:40-1:10-3:35
Skanda - The Attacker (Telugu) 10:10AM
Peddha Kapu 1 2:15
Stop Making Sense (PG) 11:10AM
The Ex-Files 4: Marriage Plan 10:55-2:20
When Evil Lurks 5:00-7:40-10:20
Rules Ranjann 6:00-9:35
Moscow Mission (Mosike xingdong) 10:55

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-3:00-6:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:40-3:20-3:40-7:00
The Creator (PG-13) 12:00-2:40-6:00-9:20
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:20-6:20-8:20-9:20
Saw X (R) 1:20-2:20-4:20-7:20-9:00
Expend4bles (R) 1:40-4:40-7:40
Dumb Money (R) 2:00-5:00-8:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 4:30-7:45
Oppenheimer (R) 4:00-7:00
The Creator (PG-13) 7:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 5:00-7:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 4:05
Dumb Money (R) 7:15
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-7:45
The Creator (PG-13) 4:15
Dumb Money (R) 4:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) 8:00

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Barbie (PG-13) 1:05-7:05
Oppenheimer (R) 1:10-3:40-6:55
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:00-4:00-4:30-7:30
Expend4bles (R) 1:50-4:20-7:25
The Creator (PG-13) 1:15-4:10-7:10
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1:20-3:50-7:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 2:00
Dumb Money (R) 1:45-4:40-7:40
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-7:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) 1:30-4:45-7:20

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
Fair Play (R) 7:30
Dumb Money (R) 5:30

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:30-4:30-7:00-9:15
Expend4bles (R) 2:00-4:35
The Equalizer 3 (R) 1:00-3:35-6:05-8:30
The Creator (PG-13) 3:00-6:00-9:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-7:00-7:45
Saw X (R) 3:30-6:30-9:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Barbie (PG-13) 12:25-3:15
Oppenheimer (R) 12:20
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:30-1:30-4:15-6:00-7:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 4:45
Expend4bles (R) 12:40-3:25-6:15-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:20-7:05-9:50
The Royal Hotel (R) 7:00-9:40
The Creator (PG-13) 1:15-4:30-7:45
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 1:45
The Nun II (R) 12:45-3:30-6:20-9:10
Chandramukhi 2 (Tamil) 1:40
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:20-1:20-4:05-6:40-10:00
Fukrey 3 1:50-5:10-8:30
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 9:00
Dumb Money (R) 1:10-3:45-6:40-9:25
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-8:00
Saw X (R) 12:45-3:50-6:50-8:40-9:30-10:00
The Blind (PG-13) 12:55-4:00-7:00-10:00
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 2:15
She Came to Me (R) 6:00-8:50
The Lion King (1994) Disney100 (G) 1:00-3:35-6:10
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 1:00-8:15
Skanda - The Attacker (Telugu) 3:05
Shelter in Solitude 7:00-9:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) 12:50-3:20-5:50-8:20
The Ex-Files 4: Marriage Plan 12:00-3:30-6:40-10:00
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 6:00-9:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 3:15

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:30-1:00-2:00-3:20-4:10-6:00-7:10
Expend4bles (R) 12:00-2:40-5:30-8:10
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:30
Jawan (Hindi) 1:20-5:10-9:00
The Creator (PG-13) 11:40-12:40-1:10-3:00-4:20-6:30-7:30
The Nun II (R) 1:40-4:30-7:20
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:50-2:50-5:40-8:20
Mother Teresa and Me 7:00
Fukrey 3 1:30-4:50-8:40
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 8:30
Dumb Money (R) 11:35-2:20-4:55-7:40
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-8:00
Saw X (R) 12:10-3:10-4:40-6:10-7:50-9:05
The Blind (PG-13) 3:50
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 12:20

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) 12:10-3:00-6:00-8:50
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-1:40-2:40-3:20-4:20-5:35
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 2:50-8:55
Expend4bles (R) 12:10-2:55-5:40-8:40
The Equalizer 3 (R) 12:00-3:05-5:55-8:50
The Creator (PG-13) 12:00-12:50-2:10-4:10-5:50-7:30-8:35
The Nun II (R) 1:10-4:25-5:50-8:40
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:35-3:25-6:15-9:00
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 6:55-9:30
Dumb Money (R) 12:20-3:10-6:00-8:50
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-6:30-8:00-9:30
Saw X (R) 1:30-2:55-5:40-7:35-8:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 12:45
Saw X (R) OC: 12:10

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 12:20-2:50
Oppenheimer (R) 1:40
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:30-2:10-3:50-6:30
Blue Beetle (PG-13) 12:10-3:20-9:20
Expend4bles (R) 1:20-4:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 4:45-7:30
The Creator (PG-13) 12:00-1:00-3:00-6:00-9:10
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) 5:30-8:30
The Nun II (R) 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:30
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:40-6:50-9:30
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 5:40-8:10
Dumb Money (R) 12:05-2:40-5:20-8:00
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-6:20-7:45-9:00
Saw X (R) 1:10-4:20-7:20
The Blind (PG-13) 4:10-7:00

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
Barbie (PG-13) 12:30-3:10-6:10
Oppenheimer (R) 8:30
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:50-4:10-6:50-9:20
Expend4bles (R) 12:10-2:50-5:40-8:10
The Creator (PG-13) 12:40-2:30-3:40-5:30-8:40
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 11:50-2:20-5:10-7:40
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 6:00
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 8:50
Bottoms (R) 3:30
Dumb Money (R) 11:30-2:10
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-6:40-7:50-9:30
Saw X (R) 1:20-4:20-7:10
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 11:40-3:00-6:40
The Ex-Files 4: Marriage Plan 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:30

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
Barbie (PG-13) 12:00-2:50
Oppenheimer (R) 5:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-1:10-3:50-6:30
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:45-2:30-5:20-8:20
Expend4bles (R) 11:50-2:45-10:05
The Creator (PG-13) 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:20-3:00-6:00
Mother Teresa and Me 7:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 11:40-2:20
It Lives Inside (PG-13) 9:30
Dumb Money (R) 12:20-3:30-6:50-9:50
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 6:00-9:00-10:00
Saw X (R) 12:10-1:00-2:30-3:10-6:10-9:00-9:05-9:40
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 1:30
The Blind (PG-13) 4:00-7:00
When Evil Lurks 5:30-8:30
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 5:00-8:00

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 12:00-1:00-2:40-6:10-8:40
Expend4bles (R) 11:45-2:20-5:20
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 12:40-3:20-6:20-9:00
Mother Teresa and Me 7:00
Dumb Money (R) 11:50-2:30-5:30-8:20
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-8:00
Saw X (R) 1:50
The Blind (PG-13) 1:20-4:10
The Creator - The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 12:50-4:00
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) 7:20
The Creator (PG-13) 1:40-3:00-8:00
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) OC: 3:30
Saw X (R) 12:10-4:50-6:00-8:50
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 6:20-8:30-9:10

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 11:25-1:45-4:25-6:45-9:15
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 11:00-1:10-1:50-3:40-4:20-6:40-9:00
Expend4bles (R) 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) 11:40-2:10-5:10-7:40-10:10
The Creator (PG-13) 10:40-11:20-1:00-1:40-5:00-6:20-8:00-9:20
The Nun II (R) 11:15-2:05-4:35-7:25-10:05
Dumb Money (R) 10:50-1:40-4:40-7:20-9:50
The Exorcist: Believer (R) 5:00-5:40-6:20-7:40-8:20-9:10-10:20
Saw X (R) 11:50-1:20-2:40-4:10-5:30-6:50-8:10-9:40
The Blind (PG-13) 11:05AM
Peddha Kapu 1 2:45-9:35
Skanda - The Attacker (Telugu) 10:55-6:05

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11830 Grand Park Avenue
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) (!) 3:15-6:15-9:00
The Equalizer 3 (R) 3:45-6:45-11:00
The Creator (PG-13) (!) 3:00-4:00-6:45-10:30
The Nun II (R) 4:00-7:30-10:45
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 2:45-6:00-9:45
Dumb Money (R) 3:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) (!) 7:00-7:45-9:15-10:15
Saw X (R) (!) 2:30-6:30-10:00

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 12:20
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 11:55-2:50-5:10-7:30
Expend4bles (R) CC: 12:00-2:30
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:50-8:00
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 12:45-3:20-5:50-8:20
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 4:40
Dumb Money (R) CC: 12:05-2:40-5:20-8:00
Saw X (R) CC: 12:05-2:10-5:00-7:50
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 5:00-7:45
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 12:50-3:10-7:00
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 7:20

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) 1:00
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 1:15; 3:30-6:30-9:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 7:00-9:45; 7:30
Saw X (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:45-8:00-9:00-9:30
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:00
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 4:45
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 3:00-4:00-5:30-6:30-9:00
Blue Beetle (PG-13) CC: 3:15
Expend4bles (R) CC: 2:00-4:45
The Equalizer 3 (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
The Creator (PG-13) CC: 2:30
Gran Turismo: Based On a True Story (PG-13) CC: 1:30
The Nun II (R) CC: 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15
A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
The Vaccine War 3:00
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-6:45
Fukrey 3 2:30
It Lives Inside (PG-13) CC: 1:15
Dumb Money (R) CC: 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
The Exorcist: Believer (R) CC: 6:00-9:00
Sound of Freedom (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:45
Strange Way of Life (R) CC: 7:30-9:30
The Blind (PG-13) 4:00-7:00
Oppenheimer 70mm (R) CC: 8:00
She Came to Me (R) CC: 6:00-8:45
Carlos (R) CC: 1:30
The Kill Room (R) CC: 6:30-9:00
On Fire (PG-13) CC: 4:30
Creation of the Gods I: Kingdom of Storms 2:00-5:30
Stop Making Sense (PG) CC: 2:30
The Ex-Files 4: Marriage Plan 3:30-9:15
When Evil Lurks 5:00-6:30
Exorcist: Believer - The IMAX 2D Experience (R) CC: 5:00-8:00-10:30
Dr. Cheon and the Lost Talisman 7:30-9:00
Moscow Mission (Mosike xingdong) 8:00

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Barbie (PG-13) CC: 1:10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) CC: 3:30-6:00-8:40
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) CC: 1:00-2:30-4:45-7:15-9:30
Expend4bles (R) CC: 1:30-7:00-9:30
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Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:25-4:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:55-1:45-3:15
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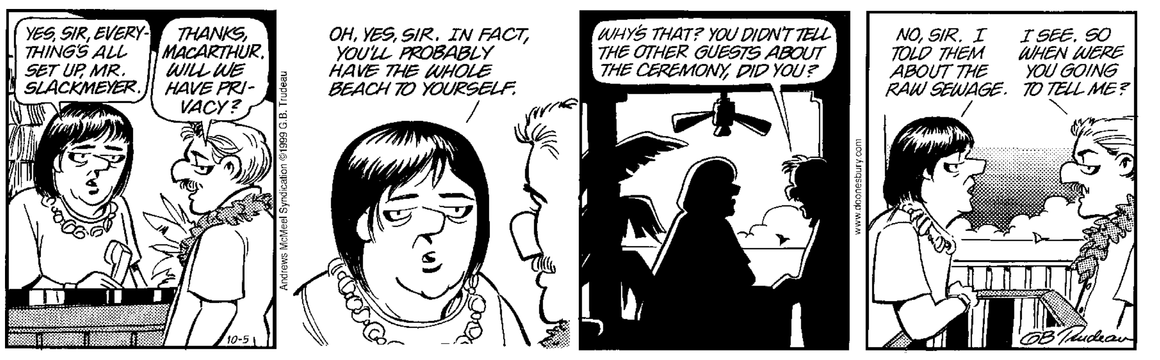
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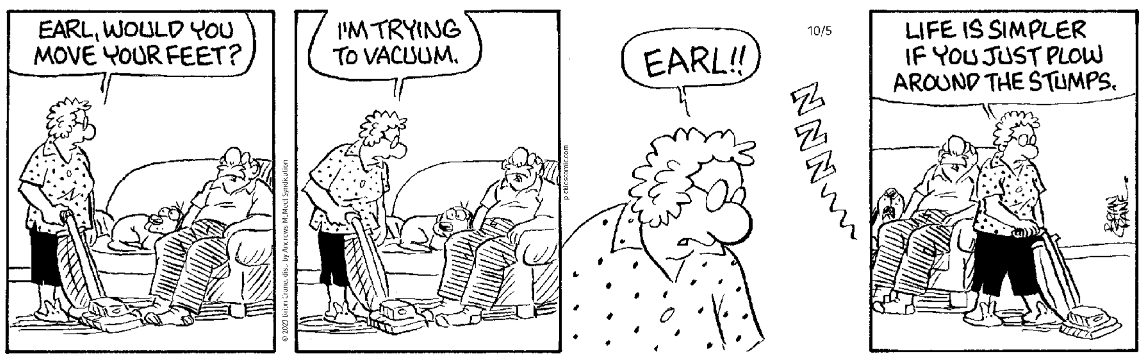
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PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

NEITHER SIDE VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ J 10 9 2
♥ 3
♦ K Q J 10 6
♣ K Q 7

WEST
♠ 6 4
♥ K 9 7 5 2
♦ A 7
♣ J 5 4 3

EAST (D)
♠ 8 3
♥ A Q J 10 4
♦ 9 8 4
♣ A 10 9

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 7 5
♥ 8 6
♦ 5 3 2
♣ 8 6 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥	4 ♠
All Pass			

Opening lead — ♥ 5

Unlucky Louie blames his constant bad results on bad luck, despite all the evidence to the contrary.

"Louie is trying to change his luck," I told Cy the Cynic. "he's been in his backyard looking for four-leaf clovers."

"He won't find any," Cy growled. "I happen to know he can't count as high as four."

Cy said that Louie had been today's East in a penny game.

"I was West," the Cynic said, "and led a heart against four spades. Louie took the ace and shifted ... to a trump."

Declarer drew trumps and forced out Cy's ace of diamonds. Cy led a club to Louie's ace, but declarer took the rest.

"We needed four tricks," Cy said sourly. "Counting to three seems to be Louie's limit."

Louie must assume that Cy has either a trump trick or the ace of diamonds; still, the defense will need two club tricks. At Trick Two, Louie must lead the 10 of clubs. South wins in dummy, draws trumps and leads a diamond, but Cy wins, and his club return sinks the contract.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ 6 4 ♥ K 9 7 5 2
♦ A 7 ♣ J 5 4 3

Your partner opens one spade, you respond 1NT and he bids two hearts. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: To approach a problem such as this, don't count points; visualize possible hands for partner. If he has a minimum such as A K 5 3 2, A Q 6 4, 3 2, 8 6, he will be a favorite for 10 tricks at hearts; if the trumps break 2-2, game will be cold. Since he may have even more strength, bid four hearts.

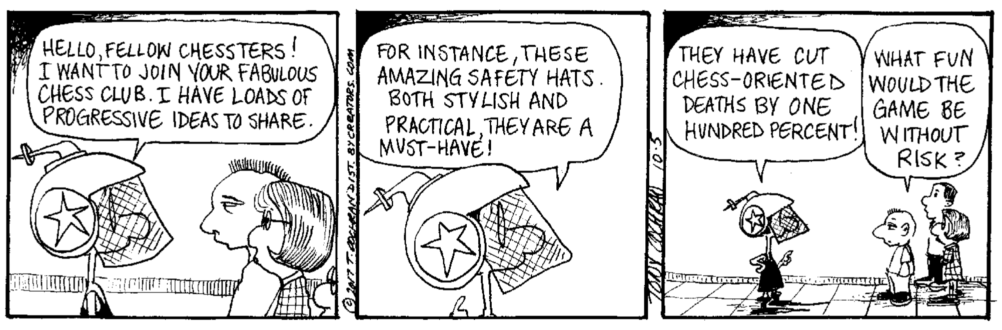
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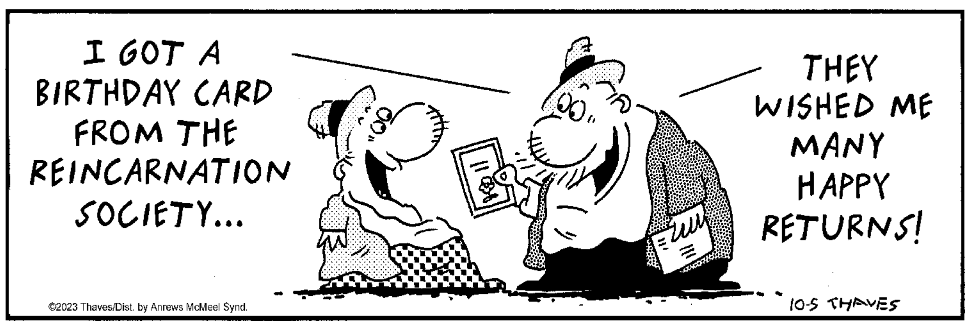
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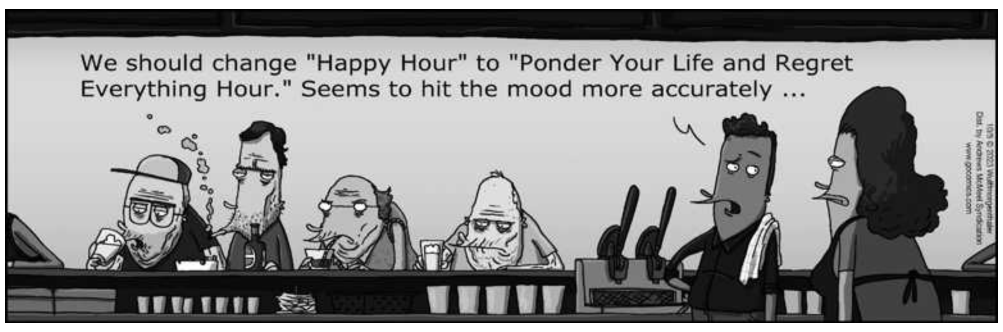
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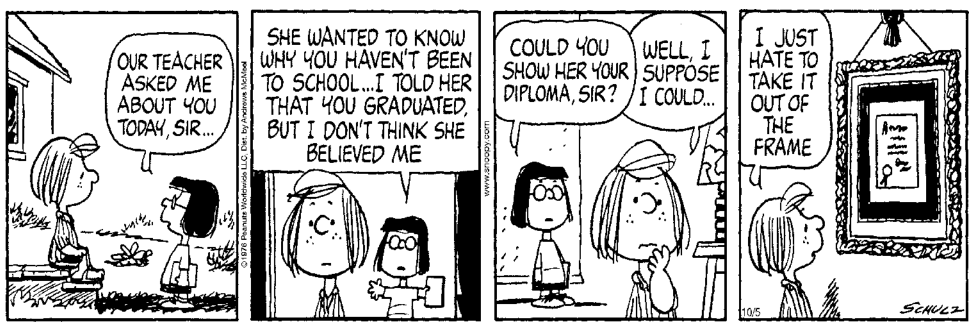
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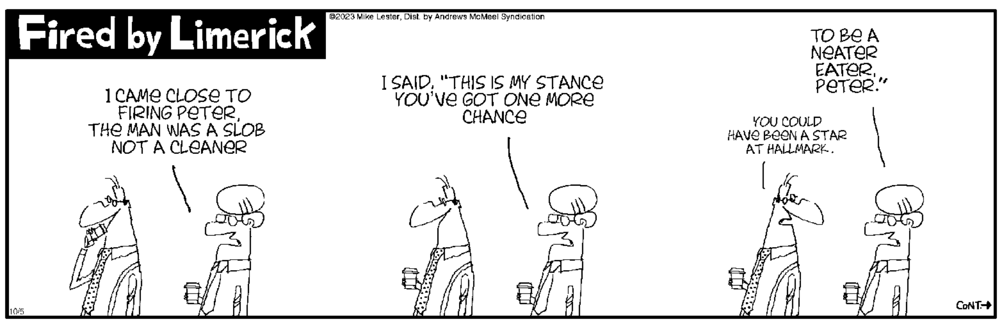
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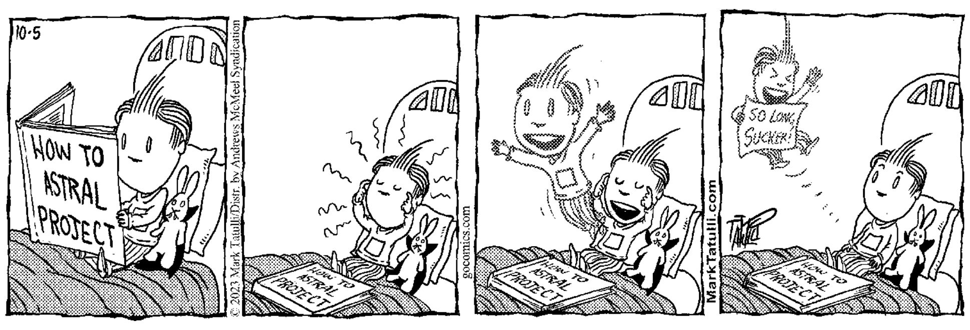
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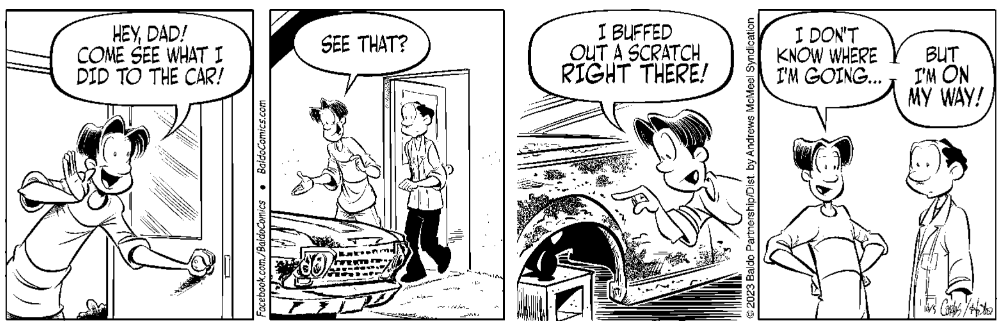
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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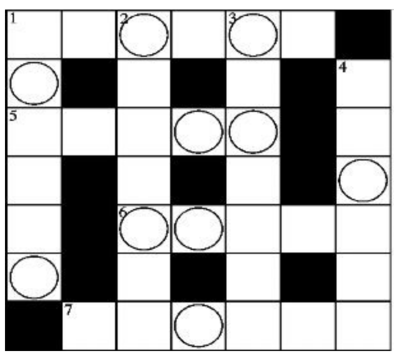
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DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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10-05

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS
by David L. Hoyt



10-5-23

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Play at, tinker	E A B B D L
5. Wanderer	D M N A O
6. Epic Greek poem	D I A L I
7. "Shorter" antonym	L R E G N O

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Astaire, for one	N A C R D E
2. Baby	B O M N A I B
3. Inn, for example	L G G O D N I
4. Quiet flyer	D G R L E I

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

CLUE: This actress appeared in more than 50 TV commercials by the time she was 12.

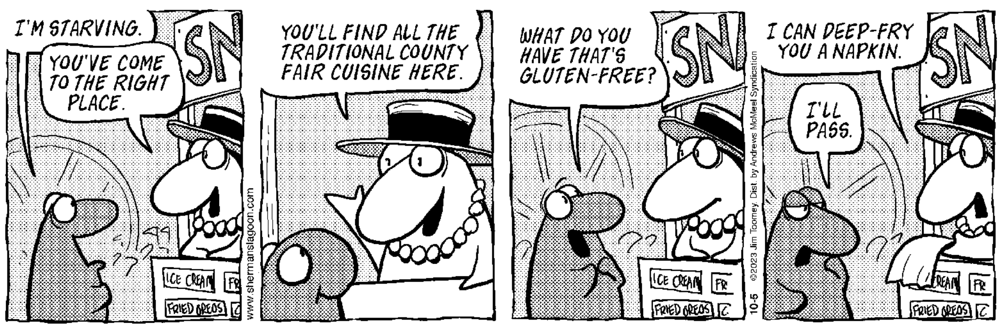
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ANSWERS: 1A-Dabble 5A-Nomad 6A-Iliad 7A-Longer 1D-Dancer 2D-Bambino 3D-Lodging 4D-Glider B-Linda Blair

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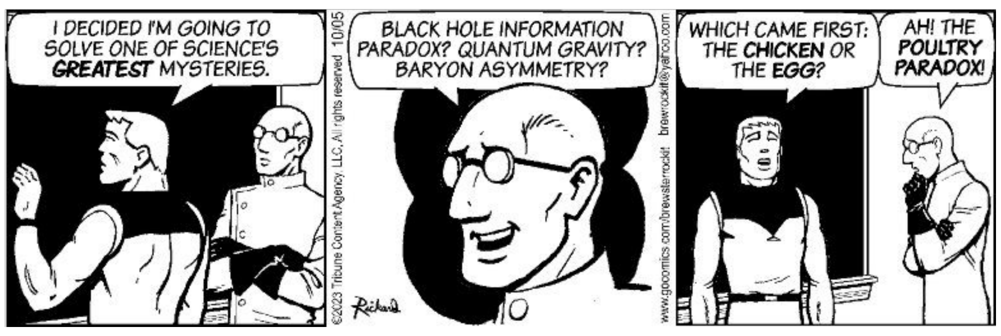
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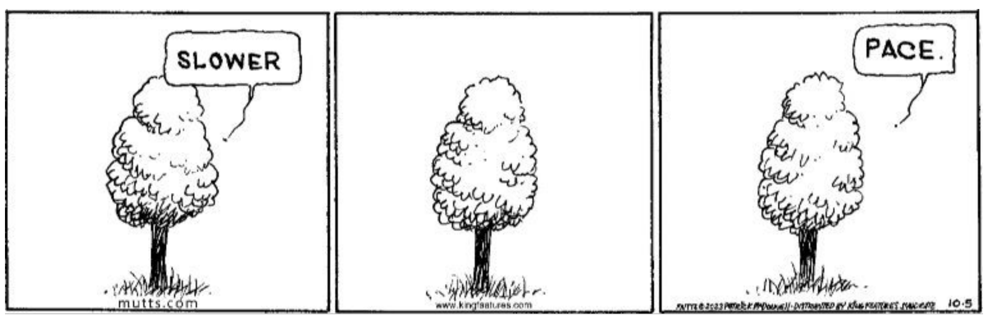
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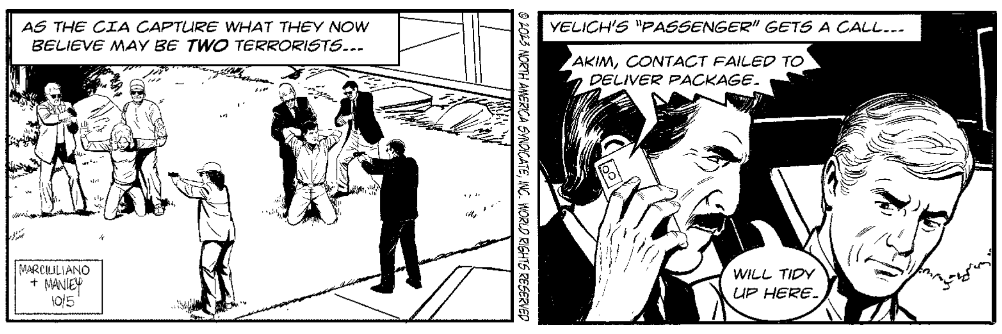
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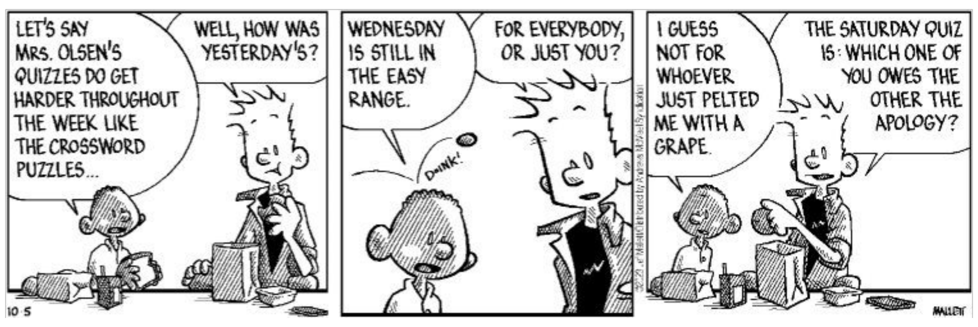
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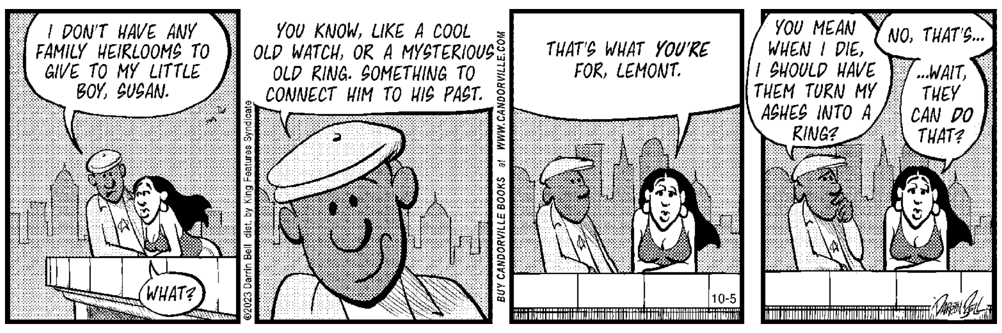
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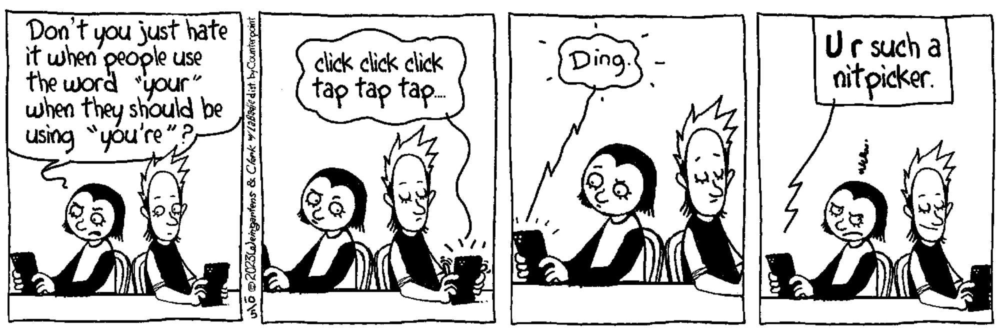
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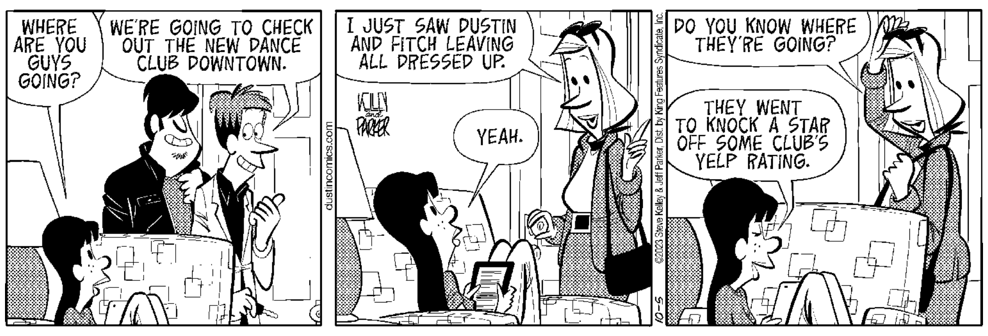
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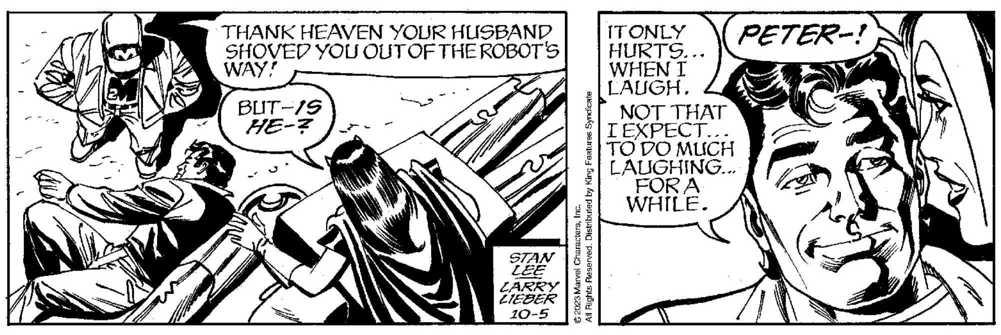
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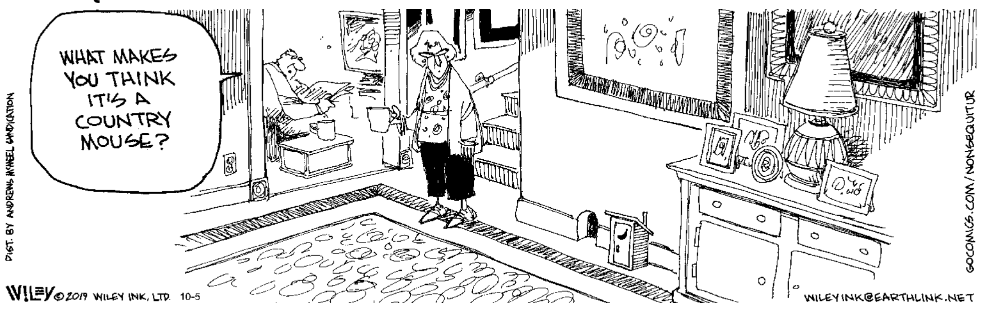
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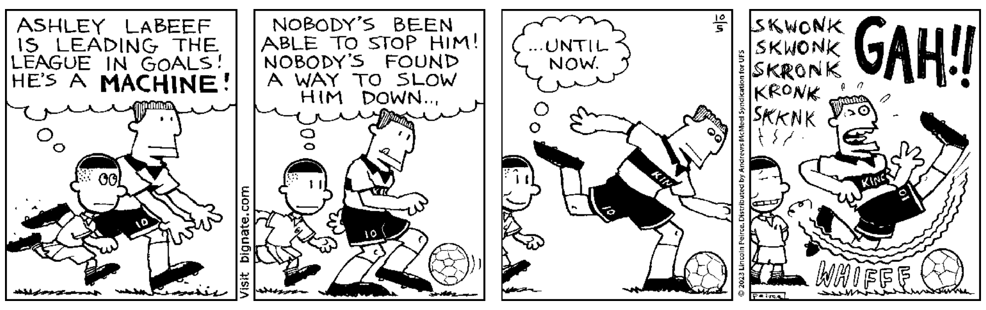
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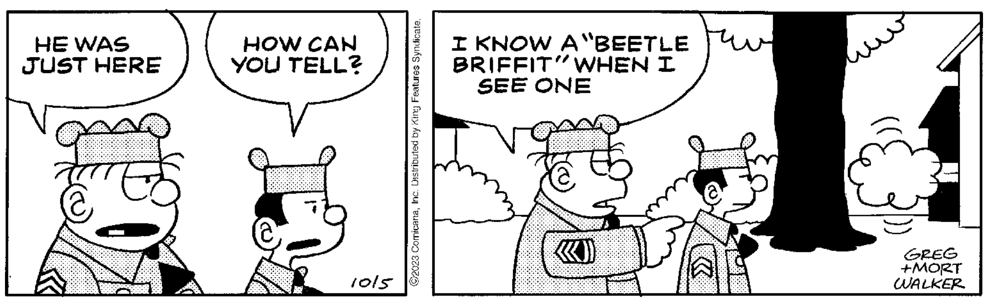


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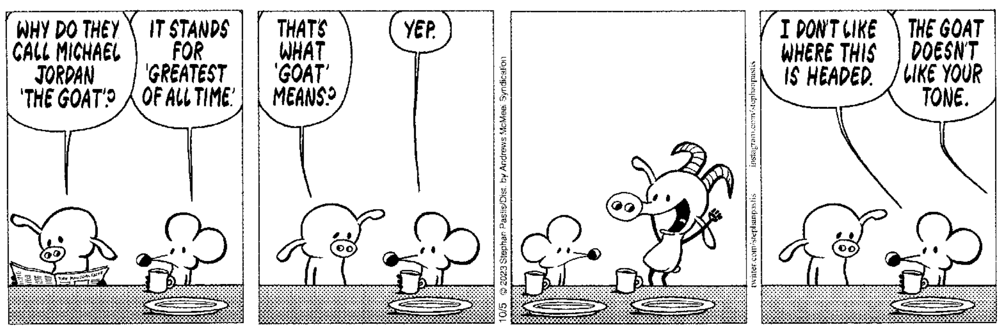


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HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | OCTOBER 5

You are a generous person with strong convictions. You can't do enough to help. You fight for and defend the rights of others. This is the year to create solid foundations in your life. Take charge of your health. Exercise is important. Work and stay grounded and levelheaded.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 2:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. today. After that, the Moon moves from Gemini into Cancer.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
An older family member might have excellent advice for you today. Certainly, it won't hurt to listen. Privately, you also might do some serious thinking about the future regarding your home and family.

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
This is an excellent day to study and learn because you have a disciplined mind. You won't overlook details; furthermore, you have the mental endurance and focus to finish what you begin.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
This is a solid day for finances because you're in a sensible frame of mind. If shopping, you will buy long-lasting, practical items. If you can get financial advice from someone older, give it serious consideration.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Today you have a strong respect for rules, regulations and your duties. You're willing to do whatever is expected of you, especially in practical terms. This is why your own physical comforts and needs will seem to be relatively less important.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
This is the perfect day to work alone or behind the scenes. In fact, it's an excellent day to do any kind of research, because you have the right mindset to pursue what you need to find. You won't overlook details. You'll be like a dog with a bone.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Discussions with friends and members of groups will probably be about serious, practical matters today. This is a good day to think about what you want for yourself in the future. What are your goals?

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
Today an important discussion might take place, especially with someone older. This person might even be your parent or a boss. In any event, people notice you today, and there's a strong chance they will know that this discussion is taking place.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
This is the perfect day to do some serious studying and learn something that is important. You won't mind it. In fact, it will please you to focus on something in a meaningful way.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
This is a good day to check details about wills, inheritances, shared property, insurance issues and banking. Someone older or more experienced might have advice for you.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
A serious discussion with a close friend, spouse or partner might take place today, which is a good thing. Close relationships require definitions of boundaries and expectations.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
You'll find it easy to work hard and accomplish a lot today, because you will put your work ahead of your personal wants. This is because you have a strong sense of duty today and you are willing to tackle whatever needs to be done.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
This is an excellent day to teach children. It's also a good day to practice or hone a particular technique, whether it's related to the arts – for example, music – or sports. This is because you will find it easy to be disciplined.

— *Georgia Nicols*

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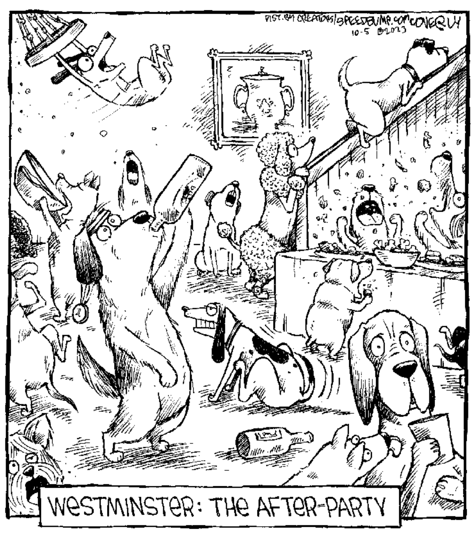
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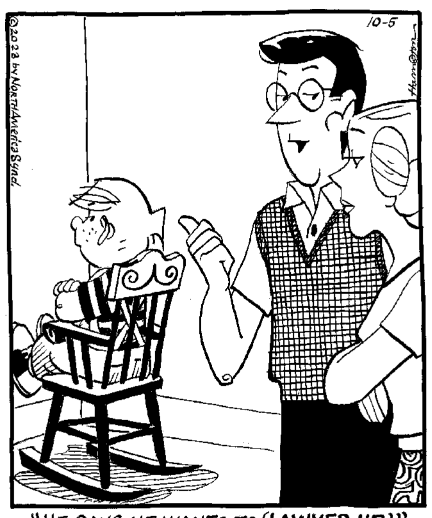
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DENNIS THE MENACE H. KETCHAM



"HE SAYS HE WANTS TO *LAWYER UP.*"

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE



"The worst part about gettin' old is you only get clothes for your birthday."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS



‘Genius’ fellows will be given $800,000 over five years

MACARTHUR FROM C1

“It’s a mix of being happy that I was able to do research that useful and sad that we’re at a point where we’re having this conversation,” says Foster, 52, a professor at the University of California at San Francisco. As states decide whether to pass their own abortion bans, Foster wants the recognition to shine light on her findings — including that those who are denied abortions are more likely to be unemployed and live under the poverty line.

“My hope is they will take the scientific evidence and not just vote on this on the basis of politics,” she says. On a broader level, she hopes it will show “that it’s possible to do good research, even on controversial topics.”

The fellows are 12 women, seven men and one nonbinary individual. They hail from across the country, from Arizona to New York; four live in the Boston area and two each live in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New Orleans.

New MacArthur fellow Lucy Hutyra, 47, created Right Place, Right Tree—Boston, an app that helps city planners know where to plant tree canopies to help combat carbon emissions. Hutyra is an environmental ecologist who studies the effects of urbanization.

At 35 years old, Jason D. Buenrostro, a Harvard cellular and molecular biologist, is the year’s youngest fellow. He developed DNA sequencing methods that can, among other things, help researchers understand how cancer cells evolve — which may lead to more effective treatments.

María Magdalena Campos-Pons, the oldest fellow at 64, is a multidisciplinary artist serving as the Cornelius Vanderbilt Endowed Chair of Fine Arts at Vanderbilt University. Born in Cuba, she explores personal and collective histories across Caribbean nations through sculpture, drawing, painting, photography, video and performance.

Civilization might be struggling to preserve both democracy and the environment, but Marlies Carruth, director of MacArthur Fellows, calls the “kaleidoscope” of talent and passion “an invitation to be hopeful.”

Some of that hope can be found in Patrick Makuakane, who has devoted his life to preserving and promoting the dance art of hula. The 62-year-old, Honolulu-born *kumu hula* (or master teacher) started Na Lei Hulu i ka Wekiu, a San Francisco-based dance company, in 1985. Receiving the honor as his home state heals from this year’s deadly wildfires — and as his company is still recovering from the pandemic — couldn’t be better timed.

“I think of this award as an award for hula, because a lot of people have no idea what it is,” Makuakane says. “They think it’s a simple-minded dance done in a grass skirt. But it has really profound effects on many people I know. For many of us, hula is life.”

The new fellows were cold-called in late August and early September, and allowed to tell only one person before Wednesday’s official announcement.

“It’s one of the horrible things,” Makuakane jokes. “They give you this fantastic award, and you can’t tell anybody but one person for like three weeks. I’m like, ‘Oh my God.’ It’s hard!”

Makuakane, though, is lucky he got the call at all. “I was in Burning Man stuck in the mud and muck, and there’s no cell service,” he says. Somehow, a text finally snuck in, and he spent the next couple of days trying to reach the foundation.



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Patrick Makuakane, above, founder of Na Lei Hulu i ka Wekiu, a San Francisco-based dance company





Diana Greene Foster, a professor at the University of California at San Francisco, wants the recognition from the MacArthur Foundation to shine light on the findings of her research concerning abortion. Ian Bassin, who co-founded Protect Democracy, an organization to help strengthen American democracy and combat authoritarianism, is one of the 20 grant recipients.

Makuakane is one of eight artists in this year’s class, which also includes Ada Limón, 47, a prolific poet in Lexington, Ky., who focuses on grief and wonder, and Tucson-based author and University of Arizona professor Manuel Muñoz, 51, who writes fiction about the Mexican American communities in California’s Central Valley.

Courtney Bryan, 41, a composer and pianist who teaches at Tulane University, blends various genres such as jazz, classical, opera, spirituals and gospel in pieces that reflect on the African American experience. Her 2015 piece “Sanctum” reacts to police brutality and incorporates recordings of chants from the Ferguson, Mo. protests and part of an interview with Marlene Pinnock, a Black woman who was beaten in Los Angeles by a California Highway Patrol officer.

Bryan’s famed phone call actually came as an email, because her cell automatically forwards numbers she doesn’t know to voice mail. When she finally spoke to the foundation, she was under the impression they wanted her to weigh in on another candidate.

She *was* the candidate — though if you overheard her, you might think she was talking to a telemarketer.

“When I’m shocked about something, I’m not very expressive. I was kind of very monotone until the end of our conversation,” Bryan says. “The part that got me emotional was thinking about what it would mean to my family and my community. Then I felt the heaviness, in a good way.”

Though she’s on vacation in Rome as the world learns the news, her thoughts are in her native New Orleans — and how she can use the stipend to help the artists of her hometown.

“What I want to do with it is give back,” she says.

The 2023 MacArthur fellows:

E. Tendayi Achiume, 41, legal scholar

Andrea Armstrong, 48, incarceration law scholar

Rina Foygel Barber, 40, statistician

Ian Bassin, 47, lawyer and democracy advocate

Courtney Bryan, 41, composer and pianist

Jason D. Buenrostro, 35, cellular and molecular biologist

María Magdalena Campos-Pons, 64, multidisciplinary artist

Raven Chacon, 45, composer and artist

Diana Greene Foster, 52, demographer and reproductive health researcher

Lucy Hutyra, 47, environmental ecologist

Carolyn Lazard, 36, artist

Ada Limón, 47, poet

Lester Mackey, 38, computer scientist and statistician

Patrick Makuakane, 62, kumu hula and cultural preservationist

Linsey Marr, 48, environmental engineer

Manuel Muñoz, 51, fiction writer

Imani Perry, 51, interdisciplinary scholar and writer

Dyani White Hawk, 46, multidisciplinary artist

A. Park Williams, 42, hydroclimatologist

Amber Wutich, 45, anthropologist

Couple disagree on whether their discussions are automatically confidential



Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: The other day, my girlfriend and I were at dinner with some friends of ours, a couple. I was deeply shocked when our friends asked me for an update on a major career decision I’m in the middle of making. I had not told them anything about it, though my girlfriend and I have talked about it daily for weeks.

I gave them a non-answer and laughed it off, but it has led to some serious relationship tension. My girlfriend does not see why it was a big deal that she mentioned my job situation to her friend — the wife in the other couple. She didn’t realize it was supposed to be private. I, meanwhile, think things discussed between us are assumed to be private unless we agree otherwise.

We got as far as her exasperatedly saying that next time, if she confides in the wife on the side, she will ask her not to repeat it to me, which, of course, is clearly beside the point and the opposite of what I want. Am I being unreasonable here?

— Private

Private: Thinking that my or anyone’s confirmation of your reasonableness will make any difference here is unreasonable.

Are you entitled to privacy? Yes. Do you have a right to ask people to keep your confidences, either on specific things or in general? More the former than the latter, but still, yes to both. Yet these don’t govern what others choose to do. They’re statements of principle only.

In this situation, your girlfriend apparently didn’t know you felt this way about your major decision. That seems pretty normal to me, both ways: You just assumed People Don’t Share These Things because that’s your view, and she just assumed People Share These Things because that’s her view. They’re both valid views; you both made the rookie mistake of thinking that if you think it, then it must apply to everyone. (Aw, something you have in common …)

Now that you both know it doesn’t work that way, you each have an opportunity to decide how you’re going to handle each other’s information. You can decide to apply your standards to your business and hers to hers — i.e., you both respect each other’s natures and keep your news private and blab hers freely. Or each of you can decide to live your own way and let the other one deal with it. I.e., she keeps blabbing, you keep guarding, and you both keep getting annoyed with each other. Or various other permutations.



NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Once you’ve both decided where to draw your own lines, then you see whether you can function as a non-miserable couple within them. If so, yay. If not, then you either break up, argue recurrently about this stuff till the end of time, or decide the other person’s company is worth it to you to warrant moving your lines.

Because she’s not budging and you haven’t broken up and want me to tell you you’re right, it appears you’ve both chosen the “have this recurring argument till the end of time” path. Which you’re welcome to do, though I hope you’ll spare others from having to listen to it, and definitely not have kids. You might be happier, though, if you accept neither of you is budging and move on to open discussion of Plan B, whatever that may be.

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About a quarter of the way into the season, quarterback Sam Howell and the Commanders have mostly met expectations — and have reasons for optimism and concern.

ANALYSIS

Growing pains and spurts

Rivera says Commanders are in a good spot, still early in a season that has featured highs and lows

BY SAM FORTIER

The Washington Commanders finished the first quarter-ish of the season 2-2, fulfilling the most realistic expectations with two wins over not-great teams (Arizona and Denver) and two losses to great teams (Buffalo and Philadelphia).

Washington, despite having an experienced roster, has had to weather rocky stretches from key young players, including quarterback Sam Howell and cornerback Emmanuel Forbes Jr. But it's clear, in snap counts and play-calling, the Commanders are using the early portion of the season to prepare those young players for greater tests later on.

"We're growing, developing," Coach Ron Rivera said of the first four games. "We're in a good spot. It is still early in the season, and we got an interesting game coming up on Thursday [against the Chicago Bears]."

Howell, a first-year starter, has thrown jaw-dropping touchdown passes and held, held, held the ball while looking for more of them (which has, in large part, fueled his league-leading 24 sacks). But more than anything else, the first four games proved his toughness, physically and mentally, and his resilience. Howell unraveled against Buffalo and bounced back the next week to lead a two-minute comeback drive against one of the league's best defenses on the road.

Washington has bet big on Howell's continued rapid growth.

"As Sam goes, I think we'll play accordingly," Rivera said.

SEE COMMANDERS ON D4

Bears at Commanders | Today, 8:15 p.m., Prime Video, WTTG (Ch. 5)

Take two: Phillies are bound for the NLDS

PHILLIES 7, MARLINS 1

BY CHELSEA JANES

PHILADELPHIA — As it turns out, the secret to building an ideal postseason baseball team, the kind that can win enough for six mind-numbing months and then flip a switch in the seventh, was never in the numbers. It never sat hidden in data, waiting for the right formula to spit it out.

No, the secret to building that rare baseball machine lies somewhere no self-respecting baseball genius would allow himself or herself to look. The secret to winning in October is — and always has been — in the vibes.

Admittedly, nothing is more dangerous than making declarations after a best-of-three series, nothing more reckless than challenging those contrarian baseball fates while they still have time to strike. But after a rollicking run to the World Series in 2022 and two gleefully rowdy wins over the Miami Marlins at Citizens Bank Park in the past two days, the evidence is as incomplete as it is indisputable: The Philadelphia Phillies are uniquely suited for October not because of their lineup or rotation, their bullpen or backroom strategizing. They are uniquely suited for October because they do not endure the emotions it stirs. They require those emotions to come alive.

Wednesday night's 7-1 win in the clinching Game 2 looked and felt more like a collective

SEE PHILLIES ON D3

MLB playoffs

NL first round

Game 2: Phillies 7, Marlins 1

Game 2: D'backs 5, Brewers 2

NL Division Series

Phillies at Braves

Saturday's Game 1: time TBA, TBS

Diamondbacks at Dodgers

Saturday's Game 1: time TBA, TBS

AL first round

Game 2: Twins 2, Blue Jays 0

Game 2: Rangers 7, Rays 1

AL Division Series

Rangers at Orioles

Saturday's Game 1: 1 p.m., Fox/FS1

Twins at Astros

Saturday's Game 1: time TBA, Fox/FS1

'GameDay' put the fan first. Now it's a bully.

On Football

STEVEN GODFREY

In 2015, I profiled anchor Rece Davis as he prepared to take over hosting duties for "College GameDay," ESPN's wildly successful Saturday morning college football pregame show.

The story focused on Davis replacing the show's original host, Chris Fowler, a task most would assume daunting. But "GameDay" executive producer Lee Fitting wasn't having it. He waved off any dramatic stakes about swapping anchors on such a popular show.

"People ask me that all the time: 'Why does the chemistry work?' " Fitting said then. "And I don't really have the answer; it just does. We don't take ourselves too seriously. We're not bigger than the sport. 'GameDay' works because everyone has the show first — period. And the sport of college football first — period. It's the college football fan first."

What bothered Fitting was that "GameDay" had become the focus of attention, not the game it was built to celebrate.

Eight years later, "GameDay"

SEE ON FOOTBALL ON D6



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Inside the NBA's 'only real rivalry'

In the hunt for scoops, it's a battle between ESPN's Woj, Athletic's Shams

BY BEN STRAUSS

A couple of years ago, an NBA reporter had a scoop. It wasn't anything major, just a roster-filling free agent signing, but for someone covering an NBA team, it was important news for his outlet, the Athletic, to break. So the reporter did what reporters do: He asked an agent to confirm the scoop.

A few minutes later, Adrian Wojnarowski — or Woj, as ESPN's star NBA reporter is known — tweeted the news. Puzzled, the reporter asked his colleague Shams Charania what he thought.

Charania, known by his first name, is the Athletic's answer to Woj, tasked with breaking every NBA transaction. And Shams had a hunch what happened: The agent gave the news to Woj after the reporter asked for confirmation.

"Confirming news with certain people is the same as texting it straight to Woj," Shams explained, according to the reporter.

Like many of the journalists who spoke to The Washington Post for this story, the Athletic reporter spoke on the condition of anonymity, fearing the professional repercussions that lurk in a business so dominated by two men. When they do talk, journalists and NBA officials are unequivocal that the scoop wars of the modern NBA are controlled by Woj, a 54-year-old newspaper

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Once again, U.S. women are sitting atop the world

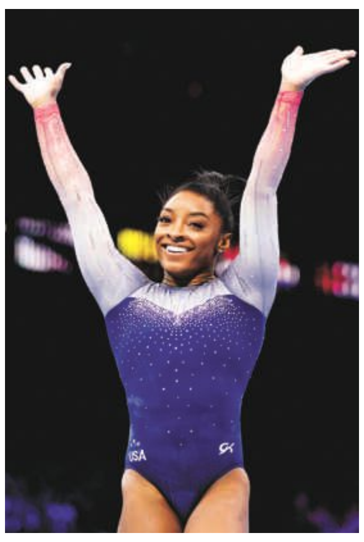
BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

ANTWERP, BELGIUM — Months ago, before the United States decided which gymnasts to send here for the world championships, the outcome of the women's team final seemed certain. For the Americans, gold medals have become practically inevitable because they enter with a significant advantage thanks to their difficult routines and extraordinary performances from their leader, Simone Biles. So winning is simply the expectation.

The U.S. women's run of dominance continued Wednesday at the Sportpaleis, where they secured an unprecedented seventh straight team title at the world championships. They had to weather several mistakes and an injury, but their familiar cushion provided more than enough assurance that they would finish atop the podium.

The Americans' winning streak at the world championships began in 2011 and now includes five squads led by Biles, but this year's margin was tighter than that of the previous six victories. The United States (167.729) finished with a 2.199-point edge over runner-up Brazil (165.530) — still a large gap in a sport that separates competitors by fractions of a point but a smaller division between gold and silver than the Americans' dominant finishes of the recent past.

SEE GYMNASTICS ON D2



NAOMI BAKER/GETTY IMAGES

Simone Biles helped the U.S. team win gold at the world gymnastics championships.

SOCCER

It's not impossible, but a 3-0 loss at Austin FC essentially ends D.C. United's playoff hopes. D2

BASEBALL

Following a career year, Lane Thomas wants to stick around and see the Nats' rebuild through. D3

United's playoff hopes in need of 'almost a miracle' now

AUSTIN FC 3, D.C. UNITED 0

BY STEVEN GOFF

AUSTIN — D.C. United's dim playoff hopes were all but crushed in the first 21 minutes Wednesday at Q2 Stadium. One Austin FC player was left alone in the penalty area for a goal, then another, and just like that, against hosts who had not won in almost three months, Wayne Rooney's bumbling bunch was staring at another long offseason.

United is not officially out of the MLS race, but with this 3-0 calamity, the end is near.

D.C. (9-14-10) has played more games than all others vying for the last two Eastern Conference berths, and even by beating visiting New York City FC in its finale Saturday, United is almost certain to be overtaken that day or Oct. 21, when everyone else in the 29-team league completes the regular season.

It will take "almost a miracle," Rooney said.

D.C. sits in 11th place. Nine make the playoffs. Not that United belongs anywhere near there. It's winless in six matches and victorious once in its past 11 (1-5-5). The last time it qualified for the postseason was 2019, Rooney's last season as a D.C. player.

"We have had opportunities to seize more points this last stretch and haven't done it," captain Steven Birnbaum said. "We've been lucky to be in position where we are right now — well, where we were before this game. We knew the importance of this game."

Austin (10-14-8) scored in the 11th and 21st minutes against light resistance, then added another midway through the second half to end an eight-game winless streak in league play and 10 in a row in all competitions.

"I spoke to the players before the game about not giving up cheap goals," Rooney said. "We've done that with all three goals, but the goals in the first half were very poor. The first half wasn't good enough. I could've taken 11 players off at halftime."

Rooney made five changes to the lineup that came back twice in a 2-2 draw at Vancouver on Saturday. At the start, both sides played with the hunger needed to break out of their ruts. Only the hosts, however, were efficient — and they did it against comical defense. Rooney called it "schoolboy defending."

In the 11th minute, Will Bruin provided the lead with an eight-yard header. The unmarked striker timed his run perfectly as Sebastián Driussi chipped the ball over the defense.

D.C.'s woes continued in the 21st minute. Alexander Ring crossed to Driussi, who was so alone in the heart of the box, the Argentine forward had time for a second attempt after scuffing the first. Goalkeeper Alex Bono was left helpless again. Birnbaum barked at right back Andy Najar, who should have provided cover on the back side.

"We shot ourselves in the foot," Birnbaum said. "Can't give up goals that early in a game like this. It was a must-win, and giving up those were a backbreaker."

United striker Christian Benteke — who scored four goals in the past two matches to move within one of the MLS lead — wasted two excellent chances.

Desperation set in. Rooney made three changes at halftime. Benteke stumbled again, failing to beat Brad Stuver from close range. He thought he had scored in the 56th minute, but the offside flag had rightly gone up.

Stuver made two more fine saves before Austin extended the lead in the 64th minute. Matt Hedges outmuscled Éric Davis to Emiliano Rigoni's corner kick and headed it in from 10 yards. United has conceded 10 goals in its past three matches.

"Wayne is frustrated. Everyone's frustrated," Bono said. "Everyone is disappointed. At this point in the season, where everything is heightened and the pressure mounts, those are the moments, as a group, you've got to step up."

Here's what else to know about United's loss:

GM search continues

United's search for a general manager should be complete in a few weeks, people familiar with the situation said.

Most of the finalists have MLS experience and, at least early in the process, San Jose GM Chris Leitch and Houston technical director Asher Mendelsohn were on the list, those people said.

United has been without a GM since Lucy Rushton was let go last October, leaving roster decisions to Dave Kasper, the president of soccer operations and sporting director, and technical director Stewart Mairs.

The organization wants someone in place soon because that individual will have a voice in whether to retain Rooney, whose guaranteed contract expires in December.

There is an option for 2024, but both sides would have to agree to it. Rooney has sought a long-term extension.

The GM would report to upper management, not to Kasper, who is expected to move into a redefined role next season, according to a person close to the situation. In her two seasons, Rushton worked under Kasper.

Roster news

Defender Brendan Hines-Ike (12 matches, nine starts) was placed in concussion protocol and unavailable. His status for Saturday's game remains undetermined.

New York City FC at D.C. United
Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Apple TV Plus

SOCCER ROUNDUP

FIFA spreads 2030 World Cup hosting over six countries, three continents

FROM NEWS SERVICES AND STAFF REPORTS

The 2030 World Cup will be held in six countries on three continents as part of the 100th anniversary of men's soccer's marquee competition, the sport's global governing body said in a surprise announcement Wednesday.

Spain, Portugal and Morocco will host the bulk of the 48-team, 104-match tournament, and Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay will stage one match apiece in celebration of the first World Cup, in 1930, which was played in Uruguay, FIFA said.

"In a divided world, FIFA and football are uniting," FIFA President Gianni Infantino said in a statement.

FIFA had not been expected to choose the host until next summer. The plan still requires final approval from the FIFA Council, but that is seen as a formality.

Spain staged the 1982 World Cup, while Portugal and Morocco are first-time hosts.

The first multination World Cup was held in 2002, hosted by Japan and South Korea. With the tournament swelling to 48 teams in 2026, though, the need for multiple hosts has grown. The United States, Mexico and Canada will stage the competition in three years.

The 2030 tournament will kick off at Estádio Centenário in Montevideo, Uruguay, site of the 1930 final. FIFA has yet to decide the allocation of 101 matches in Spain, Portugal and Morocco.

Each of the host countries' national teams, as well as the three South American host countries, will receive automatic berths in the tournament — a standard courtesy given to hosting countries.

— Steven Goff

Newcastle routs PSG at home

Two years after being bought by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, Newcastle pulled off the biggest win of its new era by beating struggling Kylian Mbappé and Paris Saint-Germain, 4-1, on Wednesday in the English club's first Champions League home game since 2003.

The scorers on one of the great nights at St. James' Park were Miguel Almiron, Dan Burn, Sean Longstaff and Fabian Schär.

Newcastle leads Group F with four points, one more than PSG and two over AC Milan, which played a scoreless draw at Borussia Dortmund. . . .

In Group E, Álvaro Morata scored twice to help Atletico Madrid rally and secure a frantic 3-2 win over Dutch club Feyenoord, with goalkeeper Jan Oblak putting in a superb second-half performance for the hosts. . . .

In the group's other match, Lazio pulled off a last-gasp, 2-1 away victory over Celtic thanks to an added-time Pedro Rodriguez header in a pulsating match that was knotted at halftime.

Lazio and Atletico share the group lead with four points each, one more than Feyenoord. Celtic has zero points.

In Group G, defending champion Manchester City struck late on goals by Julián Álvarez (84th minute) and Jérémy Doku (stoppage time) to get past host Leipzig, 3-1. . . .

City is three points clear of Leipzig, with Red Star Belgrade and Young Boys both bringing up the rear after drawing 2-2 in Serbia. . . .

Substitute Ferran Torres scored to give Barcelona a hard-fought 1-0 win at Portuguese club Porto in Group H. The win moved Barcelona three points clear of its hosts for first place. . . .

Shakhtar Donetsk is tied with Porto on points after a 3-2 road win over Antwerp.

• **MLS:** Malte Amundsen scored the winning goal of the game in the 86th minute as the Columbus Crew snapped the New England Revolution's 15-match home unbeaten streak this season with a 2-1 victory in Foxborough, Mass. . . .

Frankie Amaya and Elias Manoel scored as the New York Red Bulls went ahead 2-0 early and then held on to beat first-place Cincinnati, 2-1, on the road. . . .

In other games, the host Chicago Fire routed Inter Miami, 4-1, as Lionel Messi missed another game for Miami with a leg injury; Atlanta United beat the Philadelphia Union, 3-2, in Chester, Pa.; host Charlotte beat Toronto, 3-0; and the Houston Dynamo and host Montreal played to a 1-1 draw.

Unparalleled greatness: U.S. women soar to gold

GYMNASTICS FROM D1

Other groups of U.S. gymnasts have enjoyed the same outcome at the world championships, but this team "had the most grit, courage and fight, especially after everything that transpired out on the floor," Biles said. ". . . We had so many different emotions going throughout the day, and it wasn't Team USA's best day."

The American women are the standard-bearers, but after Joscelyn Roberson suffered a left leg injury during warm-ups for Wednesday's first rotation, Leanne Wong unexpectedly had to step in on vault and floor. Wong struggled through her beam routine. Biles was steady as usual, but her scores weren't as high as they could be because she opted not to perform her most difficult vault, the Yurchenko double pike, and she missed a connection on beam.

But when the United States needed her to make it through a floor routine to clinch gold, Biles was at her best. Competing internationally for the first time since a mental block led to disappointment at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, Biles has thrived here. On floor Wednesday, her landings on difficult tumbling passes were precise and controlled. By posting a 15.166, the U.S. team's best performance of its uneven competition, she ensured the Americans would finish on a positive note.

This gold is Biles's 33rd world or Olympic medal, tying the gymnastics record of Vitaly Scherbo, who represented the Soviet Union, the Unified Russian team and Belarus in the 1990s. By the end of the week, Biles probably will surpass Scherbo.

"I think each and every time you are crowned world champion, it feels a little bit different," Biles said. "I'm still surprised that I'm still going. . . . It feels just as good as the first one, just because we broke records. We came together. We had fight."

Team competitions can be unpredictable because all routines — and all mistakes — count toward the final score. Yet in large part because of Biles, the American women stand so far above their peers that they enter as runaway favorites, all but assured to win barring a stunning meltdown. Even Wednesday's mistakes weren't enough to threaten the team's hopes for gold.



YVES HERMAN/REUTERS

The United States won a record seventh consecutive team title at the world gymnastics championships.

The races for silver and bronze were more dramatic. Britain, the silver medalist last year, stumbled on multiple apparatuses, leaving an opening on the podium. Brazil, which had never medaled as a team at the world championships or the Olympics, leaned on its star, reigning world all-around champion Rebeca Andrade. Her floor routine was excellent, and then she stuck her difficult vault to clinch a breakthrough silver medal for her country.

China, which finished fourth, was in podium position for much of the meet, but its low difficulty scores on vault, its final apparatus, allowed France to surge ahead. Its medal depended on Melanie de Jesus dos Santos, who trains at the club Biles's family owns in Texas, and she delivered an outstanding showing on beam in the team's final routine of the competition. Her coach Cecile Landi, who competed for France at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, watched that performance as Biles prepared for floor. Landi's arms shot into the air with joy when de Jesus dos Santos stuck her dismount to secure the medal, France's first as a team since 1950.

Biles then followed with her own standout moment, doing her part to keep the Americans' winning streak alive. This competition wasn't a start-to-finish highlight reel for the Americans, but "we did what we needed to do tonight," Shilese Jones said.

During the previous years of the Americans' streak, they had never finished fewer than three points ahead of the silver medalists. The margin was narrower than usual last year (3.201 points) — when Skye Blakely fell on beam and Biles hadn't returned to competition — and it dipped a bit lower this time.

At times over the past decade, the U.S. women powered through major competitions with one hit routine after another, obvious reminders of their dominance. But a shaky outing that ends with a gold medal provides a different kind of optimism: It proves the Americans can make mistakes and still prevail.

DIGEST

PRO BASKETBALL

Disgruntled Harden reports to 76ers' camp

James Harden's self-imposed exile from the Philadelphia 76ers ended Wednesday when the disgruntled guard reported to the team's training camp in Colorado.

After repeatedly threatening in August to "never be a part of an organization" that employed 76ers President **Daryl Morey** because of a dispute over his unfulfilled offseason trade request, the 10-time all-star skipped the team's media day Monday and its first day of training camp Tuesday. But Harden, who has sought a trade to the Los Angeles Clippers, joined 76ers camp at Colorado State University in Fort Collins on Wednesday.

Harden, 34, averaged 21 points, 6.1 rebounds and a league-leading 10.7 assists last season for the 76ers, who lost in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The NBA fined Harden $100,000 for his pointed comments about Morey, which included calling the longtime NBA executive a "liar."

— Ben Golliver

The WNBA is coming to the San Francisco Bay Area with its first expansion franchise since 2008.

Two people with knowledge of the decision confirmed the WNBA's plan to expand to the Bay Area to The Washington Post under the condition of anonymity because they were not permitted to discuss the upcoming announcement. USA Today first reported the development.

A post on the league's official account on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, hinted at an announcement coming Thursday.

Expansion would bring the WNBA to 13 teams — and the new squad will be the first added since the Atlanta Dream joined 15 years ago.

The new franchise, which the Associated Press reported would be controlled by Golden State Warriors owner **Joe Lacob**, is slated to begin play in the 2025 season.

Commissioner **Cathy Engelbert** had said the WNBA's goal was to add two franchises and that it would take 18 months to get a team on the court after the league decided on a city.

— Kareem Copeland

WNBA player **Dearica Hamby** filed a gender discrimination complaint last week with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against the league and her former team, the Las Vegas Aces, according to a copy of the complaint obtained by The Washington Post.

In the complaint, Hamby alleges that the Aces and their coach, **Becky Hammon**, retaliated against her after she told them she was pregnant, creating an "abusive and hostile" work environment before ultimately trading her to the Los Angeles Sparks because of her pregnancy.

The WNBA, Hamby said, subsequently failed to properly investigate her allegations. The league ultimately imposed a penalty against the Aces and suspended Hammon for two games.

— Molly Hensley-Clancy

GOLF

LPGA Tour player **Lexi Thompson** will compete against men at the PGA Tour's upcoming event in Las Vegas.

The Shriners Children's Open announced that Thompson received an unrestricted exemption into its tournament that begins Oct. 12.

Thompson, 28, will become the seventh woman to compete in a PGA Tour event and the first since **Brittany Lincicome** did so at the 2018 Barbasol Championship.

Thompson has 11 victories on the LPGA Tour after beginning her professional career at age 15.

COLLEGES

The NCAA Division I Council approved a smaller window during which football and basketball players can enter their names into the transfer portal and retain immediate eligibility for the following season from 60 to 45 days. . . .

LSU safety **Greg Brooks** was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a rare form of brain cancer, his family announced. He had emergency surgery three weeks ago to remove a tumor between his cerebellum and brainstem.

Brooks started 13 games for the Tigers last season, and finished the season with five passes defended and 66 solo or assisted tackles. He also played in the first two games this season.

— From news services and staff reports

TELEVISION AND RADIO

NFL

8:15 p.m.	**Chicago at Washington** » Prime Video, WTTG (Ch. 5), WBIG (100.3 FM)

NHL PRESEASON

7 p.m.	**Washington at Columbus** » WFED (1500 AM)
7:30 p.m.	**Boston at New York Rangers** » TNT
10 p.m.	**Colorado at Vegas** » TNT

NBA PRESEASON

Noon	**Dallas vs. Minnesota** » NBA TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7 p.m.	**Sam Houston at Liberty** » CBS Sports Network
8 p.m.	**Western Kentucky at Louisiana Tech** » ESPNU

GOLF

7 a.m.	**DP World Tour: Links Championship, first round** » Golf Channel
Noon	**LPGA Tour: Ascendant, first round** » Golf Channel
2 p.m.	**Korn Ferry Tour: Tour Championship, first round** » Golf Channel
4 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Sanderson Farms Championship, first round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

8:30 p.m.	**Copa Libertadores semifinal, second leg: Boca juniors at Palmeiras** » beIN Sports

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP: Shanghai Masters, early rounds; WTA: China Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel
12:30 a.m. (Friday)	**ATP: Shanghai Masters, early rounds; WTA: China Open, quarterfinals** » Tennis Channel

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

5:30 p.m.	**Texas at Central Florida** » ESPNU
6 p.m.	**Wake Forest at Syracuse** » ACC Network
7 p.m.	**Georgetown at Xavier** » Fox Sports 1
7 p.m.	**Auburn at Alabama** » SEC Network
8 p.m.	**North Carolina State at Virginia Tech** » ACC Network
8 p.m.	**Northwestern at Wisconsin** » Big Ten Network

MLB ROUNDUP

Brooms busy as Texas, Minnesota and Arizona sweep through first round

RANGERS 7, RAYS 1

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adolis García and Evan Carter homered to back Nathan Eovaldi, and the Texas Rangers beat the punchless Tampa Bay Rays, 7-1, on Wednesday in St. Petersburg, Fla., to finish a two-game sweep in their first-round American League playoff series.

Garcia and Carter, a 20-year-old rookie who became the second-youngest postseason player in franchise history, homered off 16-game winner Zach Eflin, who failed to save Tampa Bay's season.

Texas advanced to a division series at AL East champion Baltimore starting Saturday. The Rays' scoreless streak reached 33 innings, one shy of the postseason record held by the 1966-74 Los Angeles Dodgers, before Curtis Mead's RBI single in the seventh.

Texas won a postseason series for the first time since 2011, when the Rangers reached the World Series before losing to St. Louis.

Tampa Bay followed a stellar start with a fizzling finish. The Rays opened the season 13-0 and led the AL East from Opening Day before being overtaken by the Orioles in mid-July.

Tampa Bay lost its seventh straight postseason game.

Eovaldi, beating the Rays for the third time this year, allowed six hits while striking out eight and walking none over 6⅔ innings.

García's leadoff homer began a four-run fourth inning against Eflin. Josh Jung had an RBI triple and Carter hit a two-run homer to right for the Rangers, 7-0 in postseason games at Tropicana Field.

Carter hit .306 with five homers and 12 RBI over 23 games after making his major league debut Sept. 8.

He reached base in his first six postseason at-bats, doubling twice and drawing three walks.

Attendance for Game 2 was 20,198, another below-sellout crowd at Tropicana Field but up slightly from Tuesday's 19,704.

• TWINS 2, BLUE JAYS 0: In Minneapolis, Carlos Correa singled home a run in a two-run fourth inning and Minnesota swept Toronto in two games in their first-round series.

The Twins advanced — for the first time in 21 years — to play the defending World Series champion Astros. Game 1 of the best-of-five AL Division Series is in Houston on Saturday.

Correa, who helped the Astros to three World Series appearances before signing with Minnesota as a free agent, went 3 for 7 with a hit-by-pitch in the two games.

Sonny Gray yielded five hits over five innings for his first career win in the playoffs, and Jhoan Duran struck out the side in the ninth as the Twins' bullpen worked 7⅓ scoreless innings in the series.

The Blue Jays, who lost their seventh straight playoff game since the AL Championship Series in 2016, left nine runners on base after stranding nine in Game 1.

• DIAMONDBACKS 5, BREWERS 2: Zac Gallen settled down after a shaky start and Arizona's bullpen stepped up at the end, helping the visiting Diamondbacks sweep their first-round series with Milwaukee.

Ketel Marte put Arizona ahead for good with a two-run single during a four-run rally in the sixth inning.

The Diamondbacks, who two years ago lost 110 games, will take on the National League West champion Dodgers in the opener of a best-of-five Division Series on Saturday in Los Angeles.

The NL Central champion Brewers have dropped nine of their last 10 playoff games.

Padres' Melvin to return

Bob Melvin, who has one year left on his contract, will be back as manager of the San Diego Padres despite a disappointing season, General Manager A.J. Preller said.

The announcement came three days after the star-laden Padres finished 82-80. The season began with lofty expectations after the club increased its payroll to around $258 million on Opening Day, the third highest in baseball.

Feeling at home, Thomas wants to see it all through with Nats

Following a career year at the plate, the outfielder hopes to stay put, lay down roots and be a pivotal part of the team's rebuild

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

For an hour recently, Lane Thomas and Chase Henry Thomas sat on the same side of a booth on Capitol Hill, sharing French toast and a decade of baseball stories. They met in middle school and married last winter. Their conversation pattern is not finishing each other's sentences — more weaving together memories with small interjections, the listener guiding the speaker from one scene to the next.

In one moment, they are back at the pool in Knoxville, Tenn., Lane watching the 2014 MLB draft on Chase's laptop, Chase sitting on the lifeguard's stand. Lane, a skinny outfielder, saw his name and bio strip across the bottom of the screen: Lane Thomas, right fielder, fifth-round pick for the Toronto Blue Jays out of Bearden High, 144th overall.

He had never played right field. But no matter the position, Thomas knew the Blue Jays would pay him enough to skip college. He and Chase were supposed to spend the summer on Fort Loudoun Lake, hang with their friends, then pack up and head to nearby University of Tennessee in the fall. So as he walked over to her, he was already crying, even before saying the four words that would chart the rest of their lives.

"I just got drafted."

"Whoa," Chase recalled saying back.

"And I really grew up in that moment," Thomas said over breakfast in September, Chase to his right, 32 weeks pregnant with a boy. "I felt like I became an adult way sooner than expected. The game will age you fast."

The stories don't stop there. There was the time Lane drove to Marietta, Ga., to work out for the Blue Jays, then raced back early the next morning to make it in time for senior prom. There was that hotel in West Virginia — "Oh no," Chase says — that had no sheets, no comforter and bugs on the walls, leading Lane, then a minor leaguer with Toronto, to buy a sleeping bag and zip himself into it on the mattress. And there was the start of the 2021 season, when Lane, then a fringe major leaguer for the St. Louis Cardinals, finished a game in Memphis, was called up around midnight, then drove until about 6 a.m., stopped to sleep a few hours in a hotel, then started in center field for an afternoon game at Busch Stadium.



JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

Power exploits allowed Lane Thomas to dress in style in the dugout on a number of occasions this year.

A common theme: The chaos of trying to make it to the majors and stick. But after Lane Thomas hit a career-high 28 homers this season, leading the Washington Nationals with an adjusted OPS that was 14 points above league average, he and Chase can take at least one or two deep breaths. He feels at home with the Nationals, his third organization in nine years, especially after they chose to hold on to him at the trade deadline. Yet he will never kick the feeling of having to prove himself.

"You're always scared," Chase said. "But, you know . . . "

"You're maybe not looking over your shoulder after one bad game," Lane said, speaking from experience of looking over his shoulder after bad games. "But, you know, I guess you know that you're replaceable until you sign that long-term deal."

'It was an opportunity'

About halfway through that hour in the diner, they both leaned forward and pressed their elbows to the table. Their eyes widened. They were talking about how much Lane Thomas's father, Mike, loves his son.

While Thomas grew up, Mike was a professional drag racer on the NHRA circuit. He also bred Tennessee Walking Horses, teaching Thomas to ride them in competitions. But no matter the venue, they always made sure to squeeze baseball in. Mike recalled his racing buddies marveling at Thomas's arm when Lane was 5, maybe 6 years old. On Saturdays, they would hit inside Mike's equestrian center, Mike sitting on an overturned bucket, Lane whacking balls the entire 250-foot length of the building.

After Lane's junior year at Bearden, his coach, John Rice, convinced him to try out for Team USA. Thomas didn't think he was good enough to make the team. Rice and Thomas's dad disagreed. And once Thomas spent the whole summer with the program, playing in North Carolina, California and Taiwan, major league scouts rushed to Knoxville to meet with father and son.

"We've been through everything," Mike said. "They invited 144 guys to try out for that Team USA team when he was 16. He made the cut down to 44, then 20-some, then winds up in Taiwan winning it all. I told him: 'You've been the best player on the field your whole life. What's the difference now?' "

"When Lane started seeing himself more like his dad saw him, that was huge," Rice recalled. "Lane thought he was only good for Knoxville, Tennessee. Everyone else wanted to scream at him, 'You're good for anywhere!' "

With the Blue Jays, he played a lot of second base before they traded him to the Cardinals for international bonus slot money in 2017. With the Cardinals, he debuted in 2019, hit well, then fractured his wrist a month before the playoffs. For the next two seasons, his average hovered near .100 for St. Louis, reducing him to a pinch hitter and late-game defensive sub.

He had trouble feeling part of the team. He would quietly sit at his locker, not wanting to goof around when his numbers were so bad. Then in July 2021, with just minutes before the trade deadline, the Cardinals flipped him to the Nationals for pitcher Jon Lester. He could finally breathe again.

"It was an opportunity," Chase said, turning to look at Lane. "For me, I just saw a renewed energy in you, like the life that was missing was suddenly back."

Wanting to 'see this through'

Here's a weird chicken-or-egg thing in baseball: To thrive, it helps to be loose, to be yourself. But it's often hard to be yourself without thriving. Thomas's two-and-a-half-year arc with Washington is an example of this. When he arrived two Augusts ago, he seemed mechanical, quiet and serious, posting an .853 OPS for the final six weeks, going from a part-time player to an everyday role in center. But in the past six months, Thomas has become one of the more social players in the clubhouse, mingling with a few relievers one day, holding court with the whole infield the next.

Late in the season, when the Nationals were in Baltimore, he walked by Manager Dave Martinez's office and told him he looked a bit older. (Martinez had turned 59 the day before.) Martinez playfully shouted that Thomas was out of the lineup, then muttered that that wouldn't be a good idea.

Earlier in September, Thomas became the first player to hit at least 20 homers and steal 20 bases for the Nationals since Bryce Harper did so in 2016. Around the trade deadline, General Manager Mike Rizzo repeatedly called him an all-star-caliber player, saying he would rather keep building with Thomas than flip him for a prospect or two.

"It would mean a lot to see this through, to be here when this team starts winning again," said Thomas, who has only played for last-place clubs in Washington. "I've sometimes imagined what that would be like, and it's cool to see myself in the middle of it. We're getting there."

Beyond this season, he is under team control for two more years and arbitration-eligible again this offseason. If he hits again next spring and early summer, he is likely to be the subject of more trade rumors — a win for the Nationals after they acquired him for a on-his-last-legs pitcher who made 12 more starts before retiring. A strong arm has increased his defensive value in right field. If he can improve against right-handed pitchers, walk more and cut down his strikeouts, all the better. Moving forward, Thomas's competition is the small handful of top outfield prospects in the Nationals' system: James Wood, Dylan Crews and Robert Hassell III, for starters, then Andrew Pinckney, Daylen Lile and Elijah Green.

But same as ever, that only means Thomas's biggest competition is himself. He is long past feeling as if he doesn't belong. Finding comfort, though, might take the rest of his career.

"You've never really made it," he said. "But I'm going to try."

Phillies advance to NLDS by overpowering Marlins

PHILLIES FROM D1

celebration, like two and a half hours of practiced choreography between a team and a fan base determined to soak up every second. Something about postseason crowds at Citizens Bank Park, especially the ones that have serenaded this iteration of the Phillies, drowns out regular season worries, one by one, until they hardly matter at all.

For example, one of the strains of anxious dialogue around this team all year surrounded the leadoff spot in the batting order. Manager Rob Thomson put slugger Kyle Schwarber there, then left him when he struggled, experimenting here and there as pundits squirmed about the unorthodox aesthetics of having a player in that spot who struck out nearly 30 percent of the time and hit .197.

But he left him there in part because Schwarber gets on base and in part because Schwarber has always had a knack for setting the tone. No one threatens the other team with an immediate deficit quite like the burly designated hitter. On Wednesday night, his RBI double in the third inning gave the Phillies a lead they never gave back.

Schwarber is the perfect example of why the Phillies often seem greater than the sum of their parts, a veteran who is just as excited to participate in uncouth celebrations on the dugout railing as anyone. In fact, no one on the Phillies, from stoic J.T. Realmuto and Zack Wheeler to rookie Johan Rojas, from veteran Nick Castellanos to new guy Trea Turner, ever seems too cool for all the fun.

Talent helps, of course, and the Phillies are good in part because they have plenty of that, too. Some wondered whether the Marlins' lefty-heavy pitching staff might help them neutralize Schwarber, Bryce Harper and other lefty sluggers enough to pull an upset. But the Phillies have right-handed power, too. Realmuto hit a 404-foot homer in the fourth inning. Turner's single drove home Schwarber in the third.



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Bryson Stott launched a sixth-inning grand slam to help the Phillies advance to a showdown with NL East rival Atlanta in the NLDS.

Pitching is important, too, of course. But the Phillies didn't have the most heralded rotation in October last year, nor do they this year. What they have are two ace-caliber starters who have yet to let them down. Wheeler was dominant Tuesday. Aaron Nola had his best start in weeks Wednesday, allowing three hits and a walk over seven scoreless innings.

Nola was here during the lean times, the ace of the downtrodden Phillies of the late 2010s, before the city became a destination for big stars and the team transformed into a joyful bunch. He is a reminder that none of this was preordained or simple, that what has coalesced in this clubhouse is as rare as it is magical — and that it is temporary. Every start Nola makes now might be his last as a Phillie. The 30-year-old will be a free agent after the season — probably a coveted one, given his track record, though the Phillies certainly have the resources to win a bidding war.

Nola seemed to be feeling the stress of it all when he failed to finish five innings in each of his first three starts of September. But he made a few mechanical tweaks and finished with back-to-back starts of six-plus innings and two or fewer runs. He made the adjustment — just in time for the schedule to throw him a longer-than-usual layoff ahead of his biggest start of the season.

The layoff didn't matter Wednesday. Nothing extraneous seems to matter to the Phillies in October, when the mission is simple and the sprint is short. It didn't matter that the outcome was hardly in doubt by the time Bryson Stott hit a grand slam in the sixth inning, smashing his bat to the ground as if he had just won Game 7 as 45,738 fans left their feet. It didn't matter that he struck out in his next at-bat — because they cheered him off the field then, too.

These Phillies have not won the World Series. They will not be studied for their baseball genius, not like some other winning franchises of this era. But they have something the data can't explain, something that sends them into a division series matchup with the Atlanta Braves, dominant darlings of the regular season, looking like the team that might be October darlings in the end.

NFL NOTES

Taylor gets acclimated with Colts after layoff

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Jonathan Taylor returned to the practice field Wednesday for his first workout in 10 months.

Now he must prove to the Indianapolis Colts coaches he can carry the workload Sunday against Tennessee.

The all-pro running back and 2021 NFL rushing champion was activated from the physically unable to perform list before a light, scaled-back practice, which gave Taylor his first real chance to take snaps with rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson.

"It's pretty simple just handing the ball off, knowing where to step," Richardson said when asked how long it would take the two to get in sync. "It's also learning the running back, learning how he wants the ball given to him, how he wants passes thrown to him. Maybe a couple days, maybe."

The Colts (2-2) are banking on a quick, seamless transition.

Taylor did not speak to reporters Wednesday before or after practicing for the first time since going on injured reserve Dec. 20. He then missed all of the team's offseason workouts following ankle surgery, spent all of training camp on the physically unable to perform list with lingering pain in the ankle and opened the regular season still on PUP.

• RAMS: Los Angeles wide receiver Cooper Kupp returned to practice after missing the first four games of the season with a hamstring injury.

Kupp rejoined his teammates when the Rams (2-2) began preparations to host the unbeaten Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

The former Super Bowl MVP entered the 21-day window for activation from injured reserve along with rookie linebacker Ochaun Mathis, who also hasn't played this season. The 30-year-old Kupp strained his hamstring early in training camp and aggravated it in late August.

• BILLS: Some things never get old for Von Miller, even at the age of 34, and a month late from opening his 13th NFL season.

Miller, Buffalo's top pass rusher, had yet to pull on his pads and helmet to practice for the first time in more than 10 months Wednesday when he began experiencing a familiar — and welcome — mix of nerves and anticipation.

Miller tore a ligament and suffered cartilage damage in his right knee during a win at Detroit on Thanksgiving Day.

• JAGUARS: Veteran left tackle Cam Robinson and wide receiver Zay Jones returned to practice.

Robinson is back after a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancers, and Jones missed the past two games because of a knee injury.

• BRONCOS: Randy Gregory missed more games than he played during an 18-month stint with Denver in which he had almost as many surgeries (two) as sacks (three).

The Broncos (1-3) parted ways with the immensely talented but often-unavailable pass rusher, deciding to release him — even though they're on the hook for the $10.9 million remaining on his 2023 salary.

Gregory played in just 10 of a possible 21 games during his time with the Broncos.

• FALCONS: Atlanta signed defensive lineman Eli Ankou to its active roster.

Wide receiver Josh Ali was placed on injured reserve after missing last weekend's game in London with an ankle injury.

NFL WEEK 5

Chicago Bears (0-4) at Washington Commanders (2-2)

Time: 8:15 p.m. **TV:** Prime Video, WTTG (Ch. 5). **Radio:** WBIG (100.3 FM). **Line:** Commanders by 5½.
For in-game analysis, live stats and discussion, check out our live updates at *washingtonpost.com/sports*.

COMMANDERS

ROSTER

1	Jahan Dotson	WR	5-11	182
2	Dyami Brown	WR	6-0	195
3	Byron Pringle	WR	6-1	203
4	Curtis Samuel	WR	5-11	195
5	Tress Way	P	6-1	220
6	Joey Slye	K	5-11	213
8	Brian Robinson Jr.	RB	6-1	228
12	Jacoby Brissett	QB	6-4	235
13	Emmanuel Forbes Jr.	CB	6-0	180
14	Sam Howell	QB	6-1	220
17	Terry McLaurin	WR	6-0	210
20	Quan Martin	DB	6-0	195
22	Darrick Forrest	S	5-11	200
23	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	5-11	224
24	Antonio Gibson	RB	6-2	220
25	Benjamin St-Juste	CB	6-3	200
29	Kendall Fuller	CB	5-11	198
31	Kamren Curl	S	6-2	198
34	Christian Holmes	CB	6-1	205
35	Percy Butler	S	6-0	191
36	Danny Johnson	CB	5-9	190
39	Jeremy Reaves	S	5-11	200
47	Khaleke Hudson	LB	6-0	220
50	Andre Jones Jr.	DE	6-5	258
51	David Mayo	LB	6-2	240
52	Jamin Davis	LB	6-3	234
53	Ricky Stromberg	C/G	6-4	313
54	Camaron Cheeseman	LS	6-4	237
55	KJ Henry	DE	6-4	255
57	Cody Barton	LB	6-2	237
63	Nick Gates	C	6-5	312
69	Tyler Larsen	C	6-4	335
71	Andrew Wylie	G/T	6-6	309
72	Charles Leno Jr.	T	6-3	302
73	Trent Scott	T	6-5	320
75	Chris Paul	G	6-4	324
76	Sam Cosmi	T	6-6	309
77	Saahdiq Charles	G/T	6-4	322
78	Cornelius Lucas	T	6-8	327
80	Curtis Hodges	TE	6-8	240
82	Logan Thomas	TE	6-6	250
83	Jamison Crowder	WR	5-9	177
85	Cole Turner	TE	6-6	240
86	Mitchell Tinsley	WR	6-1	205
87	John Bates	TE	6-6	259
90	Montez Sweat	DE	6-6	262
91	John Ridgeway III	DT	6-5	321
92	Abdullah Anderson	DL	6-4	295
93	Jonathan Allen	DT	6-3	300
94	Daron Payne	DT	6-3	320
95	Casey Toohill	DE	6-5	254
96	James Smith-Williams	DE	6-4	265
99	Chase Young	DE	6-5	264

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QB	Sam Howell	Jacoby Brissett
RB	Brian Robinson Jr.	Antonio Gibson
WR	Terry McLaurin	Dyami Brown
WR	Jahan Dotson	Byron Pringle
WR	Curtis Samuel	Dyami Brown
TE	Logan Thomas	John Bates
LT	Charles Leno Jr.	Cornelius Lucas
LG	Saahdiq Charles	Ricky Stromberg
C	Nick Gates	Tyler Larsen
RG	Sam Cosmi	Chris Paul
RT	Andrew Wylie	Trent Scott

DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS

DE	Chase Young	James Smith-Williams
DT	Daron Payne	John Ridgeway
DT	Jonathan Allen	Abdullah Anderson
DE	Montez Sweat	Casey Toohill
LB	Jamin Davis	Khaleke Hudson
LB	Cody Barton	David Mayo
NB	Benjamin St-Juste	Quan Martin
CB	Kendall Fuller	Christian Holmes
SS	Kamren Curl	Jeremy Reaves
FS	Darrick Forrest	Percy Butler
CB	Emmanuel Forbes Jr.	
P	Tress Way	
K	Joey Slye	
H	Tress Way	
LS	Camaron Cheeseman	
KR	Antonio Gibson	Byron Pringle
PR	Jamison Crowder	Jahan Dotson



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Justin Fields had one of his best games passing for the Bears on Sunday, but he hurt the Commanders last season with his scrambling.

BY THE NUMBERS

MINUS-62 POINT DIFFERENTIAL

In four games, Chicago has the league's second-worst point differential, minus-62, which is actually somewhat impressive, considering early returns suggest this could be another banner year for parity in the NFL.

It's tough to divvy up blame between the hapless offense and wet-paper-towel defense. The Bears rank last or nearly last in so many other differential categories.

TWO SACKS

The Bears' defense only has two sacks, tied with the New York Giants for the fewest in the league. Not much has changed since coordinator Alan Williams resigned and Coach Matt Eberflus took over as defensive play caller.

The Bears don't blitz much, and the front — headlined by end Yannick Ngakoue — does not generate much pressure. When the Bears do create pressure, it comes in an average of 2.61 seconds, according to TruMedia, which is the eighth-slowest rate in the league. This is a great matchup for sack-prone Commanders quarterback Sam Howell.

9.1 PERCENT SCRAMBLE RATE

Last week, Bears quarterback Justin Fields had his best career game as a passer, and the emphasis on throwing seems intentional. Offensive coordinator Luke Getsy is calling fewer designed runs for Fields, and he is scrambling at a career-low rate of 9.1 percent. (It was 15.6 percent in 2022.)

But Fields's legs are still the most dangerous part of his game. Last season, during an ugly Washington win on "Thursday Night Football," the quarterback gashed the Commanders on the ground. He nearly set up a late game-winning score with a 39-yard scramble. Those memories seem to be preventing Coach Ron Rivera from taking lightly what looks like a terrible team.

"Last year, he gave us hell," Rivera said of Fields. "We can't allow that to happen. We've got to be disciplined. . . . You can't fall asleep on a young team like that because they don't know the difference. They go out every week, [and] they want to win every week."

— Sam Fortier

BEARS

ROSTER

1	Justin Fields	QB	6-3	228
2	DJ Moore	WR	5-11	210
4	Eddie Jackson	DB	6-0	206
8	Cairo Santos	K	5-8	175
9	Jaquan Brisker	DB	6-1	200
10	Chase Claypool	WR	6-4	238
11	Darnell Mooney	WR	5-11	173
12	Velus Jones Jr.	WR	6-0	200
13	Tyler Scott	WR	5-11	185
14	Nathan Peterman	QB	6-2	225
15	Trent Taylor	WR	5-8	178
16	Trenton Gill	P	6-4	219
17	Tyson Bagent	QB	6-3	213
18	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	240
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214
20	Travis Homer	RB	5-10	202
21	D'Onta Foreman	RB	6-0	235
22	Elijah Hicks	DB	5-11	200
23	Roschon Johnson	RB	6-0	225
24	Khalil Herbert	RB	5-9	212
26	Quindell Johnson	DB	6-2	208
27	Greg Stroman Jr.	DB	5-11	180
29	Tyrique Stevenson	DB	6-0	204
30	Joejuan Williams	DB	6-3	212
31	Jaylon Jones	DB	5-11	190
32	Terell Smith	DB	6-0	207
33	Jaylon Johnson	DB	6-0	196
35	Khari Blasingame	FB	6-0	233
37	Duron Harmon	DB	6-0	205
44	Noah Sewell	LB	6-2	253
48	Patrick Scales	LS	6-3	226
49	Tremaine Edmunds	LB	6-5	250
53	T.J. Edwards	LB	6-1	242
55	Dylan Cole	LB	6-0	240
57	Jack Sanborn	LB	6-2	234
58	Darnell Wright	OL	6-6	333
62	Lucas Patrick	OL	6-3	313
64	Nate Davis	OL	6-3	316
65	Cody Whitehair	OL	6-3	316
67	Dan Feeney	OL	6-4	310
69	Ja'Tyre Carter	OL	6-3	311
74	Aviante Collins	OL	6-4	292
75	Larry Borom	OL	6-5	333
84	Marcedes Lewis	TE	6-6	265
85	Cole Kmet	TE	6-6	260
90	Dominique Robinson	DL	6-5	253
91	Yannick Ngakoue	DL	6-2	246
93	Justin Jones	DL	6-3	309
94	Rasheem Green	DL	6-4	279
95	DeMarcus Walker	DL	6-4	280
96	Zacch Pickens	DL	6-4	300
97	Andrew Billings	DL	6-1	311
99	Gervon Dexter Sr.	DL	6-6	312

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QB	Justin Fields	Tyson Bagent
RB	Khalil Herbert	Roschon Johnson
WR	DJ Moore	Velus Jones Jr.
WR	Darnell Mooney	Velus Jones Jr.
WR	Tyler Scott	E. St. Brown
TE	Cole Kmet	Robert Tonyan
FB	Khari Blasingame	
LT	Larry Borom	Aviante Collins
LG	Cody Whitehair	Ja'Tyre Carter
C	Lucas Patrick	Dan Feeney
RG	Nate Davis	Ja'Tyre Carter
RT	Darnell Wright	Aviante Collins

DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS

DE	Yannick Ngakoue	Rasheem Green
DT	Andrew Billings	Zacch Pickens
DT	Justin Jones	Gervon Dexter Sr.
DE	DeMarcus Walker	Dominique Robinson
LB	T.J. Edwards	
LB	Tremaine Edmunds	Dylan Cole
LB	Jack Sanborn	Noah Sewell
CB	Terell Smith	Greg Stroman Jr.
SS	Jaquan Brisker	Quindell Johnson
FS	Elijah Hicks	Duron Hamon
CB	Tyrique Stevenson	Greg Stroman Jr.
P	Trenton Gill	
K	Cairo Santos	
LS	Patrick Scales	
H	Trenton Gill	
KR	Velus Jones Jr.	Tyler Scott
PR	Trent Taylor	Velus Jones Jr.

SCHEDULE

Week 1
at Commanders 20, Cardinals 16

Week 2
Commanders 35, at Broncos 33

Week 3
Bills 37, at Commanders 3

Week 4
at Eagles 34, Commanders 31 (OT)

Week 5 vs. Bears
Today, 8:15 p.m. (Prime Video, WTTG-5)

Week 6 at Falcons
Oct. 15, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Week 7 at Giants
Oct. 22, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Week 8 vs. Eagles
Oct. 29, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 9 at Patriots
Nov. 5, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 10 at Seahawks
Nov. 12, 4:25 p.m. (Fox)

Week 11 vs. Giants
Nov. 19, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 12 at Cowboys
Nov. 23 (Thurs.), 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

Week 13 vs. Dolphins
Dec. 3, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 14
Bye

Week 15 at Rams
Dec. 17, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)

Week 16 at Jets
Dec. 24, 1 p.m. (CBS)

Week 17 vs. 49ers
Dec. 31, 1 p.m. (Fox)

Week 18 vs. Cowboys
Jan. 6/7; date, time and TV TBD

ANALYSIS

Commanders have cause to feel good and to worry

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Here's a look at the Commanders after four games:

Standouts

Eric Bieniemy: The offense has been average — its 20.8 points per game are tied for 16th in the NFL — but that's a significant improvement from the previous regime. The ceiling is higher, too, as evidenced by its 35 points in Week 2, the team's highest output since 2019. Offensive players have higher expectations, and defensive players believe the unit can pick them up on a down day. The confidence boost is a credit to Howell and Bieniemy, the first-year coordinator.

DE Montez Sweat: The free agent-to-be is setting himself up to get paid. Sweat has been arguably the best player on the team's strongest unit. He ranks first or second on the team in forced fumbles (two), sacks (three), tackles for loss (four) and pressures (15).

His contributions go beyond the box score, such as setting the edge against the run, and if he can be consistent, it would be a big boost to a struggling defense.

RB Brian Robinson Jr.: The second-year running back, who mostly has been a between-the-tackles bruiser, has flashed unexpected explosiveness. Robinson has more touches than any other skill player (66), and he has turned eight of them into explosive plays (defined as runs of 12 or more yards or catches of 16 or more yards). At the same time, he has maintained a physicality that can fire up the sideline and hasn't lost a fumble.

Disappointments

Jack Del Rio: The defense has failed to start fast, one of the coordinator's top preseason goals. It has allowed 26.5 points per game, the fourth most in the NFL, despite forcing more turnovers and getting occasional dominance from the line. Once again, explosive plays are dooming the unit, and even though most seem tied to breakdowns in the secondary, the responsibility for yet another slow start falls on Del Rio.

2023 draft class: Even though Forbes is going through growing pains, at least he's playing. The other rookies aren't; they've taken just 13 total snaps on offense and defense. That's the lowest total for all non-first-round rookies on any team. And barring injury, there's no clear path onto the field for second-round safety Quan Martin or third-round interior lineman Ricky Stromberg. Rivera said the rookies other than Forbes aren't playing much because "we've got some pretty good guys in front of them." He added: "Just because you draft a guy in the second or third round doesn't necessarily mean he's an automatic starter."



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Eric Bieniemy, in his first season as Washington's play caller, and first-year starting quarterback Sam Howell are on the same page.

RT Andrew Wylie: Before the season, multiple analysts said Washington was betting on Wylie to play better than he ever had. In Kansas City, he benefited greatly from scheme help and a quarterback who rarely took sacks. In Washington, with a weaker line and a young quarterback, his struggles have been magnified. It's fair to ask whether that's his fault or Bieniemy's; the coordinator made it a priority to bring him in. But it's clear the right tackle has not elevated the line. He has allowed pressure at seemingly the highest rate, and he has been flagged a line-leading three times (two holdings and a false start).

Biggest surprise

There have been no major scandals. Even with an ownership change, the lack of off-the-field news during the season is noteworthy because chaos was constant in the final years of Daniel Snyder. Early on, Josh Harris & Co. have mostly done normal football-team-owner things, such as investing in FedEx Field, hosting a large alumni homecoming and continuing a legislative effort to make the RFK Stadium site a realistic option for a new venue. Linebacker Jamin Davis, who's appealing a reckless driving conviction, will go on trial in March.

Pressing questions

Can Howell continue to grow? The quarterback's response to the Buffalo meltdown suggests the answer is yes. After every setback, he has remained confident and measured, and his teammates regard him as pretty much unflappable. But there is some uncertainty. To grow, Howell will have to break some long-standing tendencies, such as taking a lot of sacks and not protecting his body when he runs.

Can the defense get back on track? Precedent suggests yes. In two of his three seasons, Del Rio's defenses have rebounded from slow starts to become one of the league's best. The unit has plenty of talent and a zone-match scheme with tools to prevent explosive plays. The quarterbacks the Commanders faced in the first four games were much tougher than the four up next (Justin Fields, Desmond Ridder, Daniel Jones and Jalen Hurts for the second time this season). But the Commanders' defense has to prove it's better than what it has shown so far.

How do you fix the special teams? The trouble started with shaky long snapping by Camaron Cheeseman. Then the punt unit started allowing big returns in big moments. (The average is now 13.4 yards per return, the fifth highest in the league.) Then Tress Way, one of the best and most consistent players on the team, shanked a punt in overtime at Philadelphia, setting up the game-losing field goal. Kick and punt returns are infrequent and contributing little.

The Commanders have missed two of eight field goal attempts. One was not kicker Joey Slye's fault — the 49-yard attempt was ruined by a skidded snap — and the other, from 59 in Denver, Slye pushed wide right. By expected points added, Washington's special teams units have been the second worst in the league (ahead of only Miami).

Can Rivera keep his job? It's one of the season's key subplots. Rivera's bets on Howell and Bieniemy have had promising early returns, and if the team wins, it seems possible Harris would retain him. But how much does Rivera need to win? Is making the postseason enough? Would he have to win a playoff game?

Or, if everything goes sideways, would Harris fire Rivera in-season? There's evidence to believe so: Harris has fired two coaches midseason with the New Jersey Devils, the NHL team he owns.

Forecast

The second quarter of the Commanders' season will feature the NFL's two worst teams by point differential: Chicago (minus-62) in Week 5 and the New York Giants (minus-76) in Week 7. Atlanta, the Week 6 opponent, is facing questions about whether to bench Ridder, its second-year quarterback, for backup Taylor Heinicke.

The rematch with the Eagles in Week 8 will not only be a test for Washington's players, who just fell short at Philadelphia, but for the home crowd as well. Eagles fans have taken over FedEx Field for years, but so far this season, Washington sold out its first two home games with a fair number of Commanders fans in the building.

Washington will want to rack up wins before a challenging third quarter of the season: at New England, at Seattle, vs. New York Giants, at Dallas.

The NBA's biggest rivalry is battle of news breakers

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veteran from Connecticut, and his former protégé, Shams, 29, who launched his career from his parents' house in the Chicago suburbs.

Their dynamic has become a fascination of the league, with fans lining up to cheer them on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, and to keep score of their performances on the internet and even in NBA locker rooms. Paul George to the Clippers? Woj. Rudy Gobert has covid? Shams. Kevin Durant to the Warriors? Woj again. Both boast millions of X followers (6 million for Woj, 2 million for Shams). Both are recognized by every NBA fan with an X account.

They so own NBA news that one former league executive told The Post that they are the only NBA reporters who matter. A former Athletic executive said it might not even be worth having an NBA vertical without Shams. Shams has starred in an AT&T commercial, and Woj has been a T-Mobile pitchman. The suggestion is that they are always connected.

It doesn't hurt that each is known by a single-syllable mononym, nor that Woj was once a mentor to Shams, hiring him for his first big job. Now, multiple NBA reporters and officials describe their relationship as something akin to Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker, the tension between them spilling across their respective galaxies. One editor said the Athletic doesn't want Woj tweets dropped into company Slack channels because Shams doesn't like to see them; ESPN reporters, in turn, are discouraged from tweeting Athletic stories or inviting Athletic guests onto their podcasts. Neither reporter acknowledges the other publicly.

"It's the only real rivalry left in the NBA," NBA reporter Frank Isola said. "Everyone else likes each other."

It would be naive to think of Woj vs. Shams as a petty feud. The NBA has billed itself as the league of the future, digitally savvy and popular with younger fans. More than any sport's, its popularity is fueled by player movement — who's getting drafted, who's signing where, who's demanding a trade. Being first to that news keeps fans' attention on your platform, which is what makes the stakes so high for Woj, Shams and their respective employers. Woj has a five-year contract worth around $7 million per year, the New York Post reported, while Shams's pay is approaching $2 million from salaries at the Athletic and TV network Stadium, according to multiple people familiar with the terms.

With those stakes has come controversy. Last year, the New York Times purchased the Athletic, making Shams one of the most famous (and highest-paid) reporters at the company. The Times allowed him to do work for a sportsbook, FanDuel, which irked rank-and-file Times staffers. People in the NBA, meanwhile, have wondered if Woj helps his sources almost as much as he breaks news.

Still, as important as Woj and Shams have become, a kind of omerta permeates their world. Both turned down repeated interview requests, as did their representatives and many of the agents, officials and reporters who work with them. Approached in the lobby of a hotel in Las Vegas during the NBA Summer League, one agent was asked about the two reporters. "Snitches get stitches," he replied. He was probably kidding, but he wasn't laughing, and he definitely didn't talk.

Becoming 'Woj'

Woj grew up in a working-class Catholic family in Bristol, Conn., near where the ESPN campus sprouted up in 1979, when Woj was 10. He was a die-hard Celtics and Red Sox fan and played baseball in high school, but he was always a basketball junkie, known in pickup games for his scrappy play and passable jump shot.

His first big scoop came during his sophomore year at St. Bonaventure. He learned the new coach of the basketball team, but with the school's newspaper only publishing weekly, he was worried about losing the scoop. Along with classmate Mike Vaccaro, now a sports columnist at the New York Post, he placed the story with a local TV station.

After college, Woj covered Connecticut basketball before he was hired as a columnist in Fresno, Calif., and then at the Bergen Record in New Jersey, where he was twice named columnist of the year by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

In 2007, Woj landed at Yahoo, where he became the most-read NBA columnist in the country. Twitter revolutionized reporting around that time. Suddenly every NBA reporter could break any news instantly, and Woj leaned in. To friends, it was a testament to his doggedness. "He talked to the third assistant coach on the bench when no one thought to do that," Vaccaro said. He once told a journalism class that the secret to breaking news was talking to a source as much as possible without asking for news.

As he rose, though, critics derided Woj's willingness to write scathingly about sources who seemed not to cooperate (such as LeBron James). The New Republic reported in 2014 that the NBA once fined former Pistons executive Joe Dumars $500,000 for leaking league documents to Woj. Dumars was the subject of several flattering stories.

In 2011, Woj reached a new level of fame when he tweeted teams' draft picks ahead of their announcement on ESPN, deflating the draft's drama and embarrassing the NBA and its media partner. It showed the power of Twitter and was, in many ways, a glimpse of the future of sports media.

The protégé

Shams, who is Pakistani American, grew up in Chicago's northern suburbs, his rise a digital-era sprint that bore no resemblance to Woj's newspaper days. He was cut from his high school basketball team but, still obsessed with the game, reached out to a local website looking to do some basketball writing. "I remember asking if he had permission from his parents," his editor once recalled.

Shams parlayed that into a gig at a national website, RealGM, but the Bulls wouldn't credential a teenager, so he drove to Milwaukee for games. He once tailed the Bucks' Brandon Jennings to the players' parking lot to ask him about his impending free agency.

In his earliest days, Shams broke news about G League contracts or 10-day deals with smaller-name players — stories so small that other reporters weren't interested. "Who freaking cares about breaking a two-way contract?" asked David Falk, a longtime NBA agent. "But it's a great way to curry favor with an agent."

He tweeted his stories at Woj and complimented his columns, too. His big break came in 2014 when he was in college at Loyola Chicago and broke the news that the Bulls had traded star Luol Deng. Woj noticed. "Big-time story break by the best young reporter in business," he tweeted.

The next year, Woj pitched media companies about launching his own basketball vertical, with Shams as part of the team. "Shams was openly acknowledged as his apostle, and Woj didn't discourage that," said someone who was pitched by Woj. "He encouraged you to think of him that way."

When Yahoo launched the vertical, Shams was a key hire — while he was a junior in college.

According to people familiar with their relationship, Woj introduced Shams to executives and agents. But the partnership wasn't always smooth. One point of contention was a Complex magazine profile of Shams that featured a splashy photo spread, a star turn that Woj thought was distracting from the work, according to people who were told about the incident.

In 2017, ESPN hired Woj. According to John Kosner, the ESPN executive who led the move, the offer was to bring his entire team, including Shams. Several members of Woj's team joined him at ESPN, but Shams, who was under contract, wanted to stay. He and Woj were officially competitors.

The home of 'Woj bombs'

In the summer of 2015, Falk, who made his name (and fortune) repping Michael Jordan, had a client hit free agency. Several teams were in the running, but the player, Greg Monroe, ultimately chose Milwaukee. When Falk called then-Bucks owner Marc Lasry to tell him the good news, he asked him to keep it quiet until he relayed it to the other teams.

Before the phone call was over, Woj had tweeted the news. "I was livid," Falk said.

Falk wasn't the only one to notice Woj's influence. Ken Berger, a former NBA reporter for Newsday and CBS Sports, said that around that time he reached out to Phoenix general manager Ryan McDonough to confirm some news. Within minutes, Woj had tweeted it. Only after Woj's tweet did McDonough text back to confirm, which convinced Berger that McDonough had



MAT HAYWARD/GETTY IMAGES

Shams Charania started his media career as a teenager, breaking small stories about trades and contracts. At 29, he earns nearly $2 million as the top NBA insider for the Athletic and Stadium.

tipped off Woj with his scoop.

"I couldn't break news that I had," Berger said. "I thought I could compete on hard work and relationships, but I was wrong."

McDonough did not respond to a message seeking comment. Berger left the business and now works as a health and wellness coach.

Some viewed this dominance as the culmination of years of source building and work ethic. Woj, who takes red-eyes at every opportunity to avoid missing news, had been cultivating assistant coaches and front-office staffers as sources for decades. Now they were getting promoted to bigger jobs. Those relationship skills didn't only apply to sources, his friends say: Just like he built up Shams, he helped Malika Andrews climb the ranks from a college reporter to an ESPN star.

Others saw success fueled by Woj framing stories in ways that are plainly helpful to sources. He is a pioneer of shouting out agents and agencies when a player signs. When Kevin Durant re-signed with the Nets, Woj encouraged his followers to "read more" at Durant's own website.

When he broke the news that former Celtics coach Ime Udoka was facing a suspension for violating "unspecified" team guidelines, his initial report noted that Udoka had just led the team to the NBA Finals. Not long afterward, Shams reported that Udoka was accused of an improper relationship with a co-worker, though he called it consensual before reporting that Udoka also made unwanted comments. (Woj later broke the news that Udoka sent crude text messages to the woman.)

Woj's relationship with front-office veteran Neil Olshey was one of those Woj carefully cultivated, after they met two decades ago at a high school basketball tournament. Olshey eventually became the GM in Portland, where he told beat reporters that he gave his news to Woj because the beat reporters "couldn't help him," according to two people familiar with the remarks. Over the years, Woj has given Olshey the benefit of the doubt in his coverage, which has been noted by former Blazers star Damian Lillard, too. (Olshey declined to comment.)

However the scoops come, people around the league said a report by Woj carries more weight than one by anyone else, including Shams.

Shams left Yahoo for the Athletic and Stadium in 2018 and joined FanDuel last year. He, too, has built his life around the job, avoiding dates to focus on scoops. Around the league, he is legendary for his fire-hose approach to texting: dozens of texts at a time to get a single piece of news or just to keep in touch with sources. One Shams source said he reaches out whenever the source's favorite team is winning games. "I once got a birthday text from Shams out of the blue," said a person who worked in an NBA front office. "I have no idea how he knew my birthday."

Woj is often described as a mafia don around the league, while Shams is more of a golden retriever. Partly because Woj can be so polarizing, there is an opening for Shams. "If you don't like Woj, you talk to Shams," a former ESPN editor said.

Shams is more likely to induce eye rolls from other reporters around the league for some of his reports. He recently tweeted that the Suns and their "driven, dynamic ownership" were "solely focused on a championship" after firing their coach. And while Woj is viewed as closer to coaches and general managers (he talks to players, too), Shams has cultivated relationships with players such as Kyrie Irving and James Harden and is making inroads with a younger crop of owners, including Alex Rodriguez.

In cultivating that access, Shams, too, has been accused of favoring his relationships to get news: Athletic staffers complained to editors about a Shams story on Irving's decision not to receive a coronavirus vaccination, in which he wrote that Irving, according to anonymous people in the piece, wanted to be a "voice for the voiceless."

People in the NBA say both reporters badger them to give them news, even five seconds ahead of their rival. But while there is plenty of tittering when Woj or Shams tweets news eight seconds ahead of the other, league stakeholders are really strategizing.

Agents and front offices talk about which reporter to feed news to or how they might keep news from getting out. Front offices have shrunk the number of people privy to information to keep Woj or Shams from reporting it, executives said. One former GM said he once had his IT team check an employee's emails to see if he had been leaking and found he had been emailing Woj the team's internal business.

Mostly, though, league officials have accepted the dynamic and tried to leverage it. Multiple people involved in NBA business



ADAM PANTOZZI/GETTY IMAGES

After a stint at Yahoo Sports, Adrian Wojnarowski departed for ESPN in 2017 and became the preeminent voice for NBA news.

marveled at how quickly news spreads when Woj or Shams breaks it, saying there is no better way to get a narrative out than to seed it with Woj or Shams. Ethan Strauss, a former NBA reporter for ESPN who now writes a newsletter on Substack, reported that Woj has sent around a document highlighting his reach on social media compared to rivals such as Shams.

Woj and Shams are also useful to front-office members trying to circumvent the league's tampering rules, according to two former executives. One said he had signaled his team's interest in a player by telling Shams, knowing he would deliver the message to a team or an agent. The reporters also know what every team and agent is up to, as well as which teams might soon have job openings, making them valuable sources themselves. Owners, one agent said, ask Woj for hiring recommendations on coaches and general managers. "You can't have them mad at you because then you don't have access to their information," a former executive said.

"These aren't one-sided relationships," said Dan Marks, who spent nearly a decade in the Bucks' front office. "The reporters get scoops; they get traffic. On the flip side, you get insight into job opportunities or favorable coverage. There are GMs who get fired where you look at it and Woj will say it's mutual. But he's saying mutually parted ways because it seems better for that person."

Or, as Falk put it: "Woj built a network of moles. It's a group of people who have decided they have more loyalty to Woj than to the teams they work for."

Worldwide leader in scoops

ESPN has built its coverage of the country's biggest sports around three breaking news reporters: Woj, Adam Schefter (NFL) and Jeff Passan (MLB). It's evidenced by the salaries they receive — Schefter makes $9 million per year, according to the New York Post — that they have become the most important people in the newsroom. Even if they break news on X, executives can program a day's worth of news and still drive digital traffic with their scoops. Clearly, fans are interested, too.

"I think you have to believe that your brand matters — that Woj's association with ESPN gives it more importance and gravitas and that he brings people back to the platform when he breaks news," a former ESPN executive said. "That he's creating more engaged sports fans, and the more you're engaged in sports, the more you're going to consume ESPN."

Building coverage around Woj's scoops has led to tension. Multiple former and current people involved with ESPN's NBA coverage said reporters feel they should avoid stories that could be unfavorable to a Woj source, and colleagues said they have the impression that they shouldn't tweet negative things about teams because it doesn't help Woj break news. The idea, multiple people echoed, is you should be extremely careful with the pipeline of news.

Tim MacMahon, a longtime ESPN NBA reporter, said he had never been waved off a subject and that Woj often helped him confirm stories. "He's an intense dude," MacMahon said. "To do that job you have to be wired a certain way. I don't know when he sleeps."

Shams and the Athletic are playing a different version of the same game. It launched in 2016 with a simple model: hire sportswriters with big Twitter followings to drive awareness and, in turn, subscriptions. Shams was like a digital billboard and among its most important hires.

Under the Times, the Athletic has sought to replicate ESPN's insider model. David Perpich, the Athletic's publisher, told The Post last year that he had expected coverage of big events such as the Super Bowl to be popular but that it was outpaced by free agency and trade interest. A former Times sports editor, Jason Stallman, said he was "dazzled" by Shams's work. And since the Athletic's new editor in chief, Steven Ginsberg, took over this year, he has stressed to staff the importance of breaking more news, multiple Athletic staffers said.

The Athletic re-signed Shams last year and is paying him between $600,000 and $700,000, according to two people familiar with the terms. The Athletic also recently hired Dianna Russini away from ESPN to be its NFL insider, and she is paid more than Shams, according to multiple people familiar with the terms. (Shams's representatives contacted ESPN during contract negotiations to gauge interest, though no substantive talks took place, according to a person with knowledge of the outreach.)

Last year, gambling company FanDuel hired Shams to be a paid contributor on its TV network, marking a new frontier for insider reporters. Ahead of the NBA draft this year, Charania tweeted that a player was gaining steam to be drafted second, causing betting lines to swing wildly. The player wasn't selected second, and FanDuel bettors wagering on Charania's info lost.

That apparent conflict of interest was troubling enough in the Times newsroom that a staffer raised the issue in an all-staff Slack channel after The Post covered it. "I was pretty surprised to see a NYT spokesman defending a sports reporter for The Athletic who also takes money from a sports gambling website while reporting on sports," read the Slack note, which was shared with The Post. "That tangled relationship could cause all sorts of ethical problems . . . but what was also odd to me was that the NYT was then in a position where it was defending behavior that it would almost surely condemn if the perpetrator was an NYT Sports reporter."

In response, Perpich wrote the Athletic shares core values and standards with the Times, stands behind Shams's work and is continuing to evaluate guidelines for outside work.

The larger point, NBA reporters and officials said, is that Woj and Shams, their perceived value to fans, media executives and the league, have changed NBA journalism. Woj was once a must-read columnist, but much of his coverage now is news. There is a belief that everything Woj and Shams do now is in service of the next scoop, and they have become so good at it that beat writers, who used to battle for news, have mostly given up chasing it.

Woj and Shams are less journalists in the traditional sense than they are part of the league's whirring machinery, both publicly and privately. Woj is represented by Creative Artists Agency, which also represents a whole roster of players, coaches and general managers. Shams is repped by the Montag Group, part of the Wasserman agency, which represents players, coaches and GMs, too.

"The role of the media is to police the powerful," said former ESPN NBA editor Henry Abbott, who launched a new media company, TrueHoop. "They have to kiss the a-- of the powerful: 'Please text me first when you're making a trade.' You're begging for scraps. They confine their insight into the league to these transactions, which are the cotton candy of news. We miss the doping and the money laundering and everything else that's happening in the NBA."

Abbott believes the league holds fewer news conferences and talks to fewer reporters because it can give everything it wants to Woj or Shams.

Isola, the veteran NBA reporter, said that the problem was more on the rest of the NBA press corps, which could be digging more into controversial stories such as Ja Morant's concerning behavior and Udoka's firing. "It's a personal thing and not an easy story," he said. "But it's there."

Last week, Shams tweeted breaking news that Lillard was traded to Toronto. But he was wrong. Lillard was actually traded to the Bucks, which Woj gleefully reported. Inside ESPN, colleagues and executives viewed it as a perfect example of Woj's value, making ESPN the authority on the biggest story of the day.

Shams deleted his tweet. It was a blip, to be sure, but within a few hours he had tweeted a link to a new story that he co-wrote: "How the Damian Lillard-Bucks blockbuster came together." And then, no doubt, he went looking for his next scoop.



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Washington State is one of two Power Five football programs to be left without a home conference after recent waves of realignment.

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‘GameDay’ lifted up fans. Now it’s punching down.

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has a significantly different atmosphere. Fitting is gone, mysteriously let go at the 11th hour before this season started. Among other changes, ESPN is gambling on the addition of Pat McAfee, a former NFL punter turned seasonal pro wrestling personality and football analyst. McAfee is waging a weeks-long public war with Washington State, one of the two Power Five college football programs left homeless by the machinations of conference realignment.

It’s a plight that makes Wazzu the least deserving target for any ESPN pundit in this moment. Sadly, Washington State is also the one school that might best define what once made “GameDay” something greater than the sum of its television parts.

A quick bit of history: Beginning in 2003, fans of the usually moribund Washington State football program were determined to get that season’s nine-win Cougars team some love on “GameDay.” They brought a WSU flag to the show’s set, which was in Texas that week.

A tradition was born, and through a network of Wazzu fans across the nation, Ol’ Crimson has flown at every taping of “GameDay” since, no matter the location — just because. Over time, the stunt became part of the fabric of the show: You knew that no matter where the set was raised, the flag of the most geographically isolated Power Five school would be flying, and when “GameDay” finally arrived in Pullman, Wash., in 2018, it was a celebration.

Back to the current state of affairs: The trouble started when Lee Corso, the 88-year-old longtime “GameDay” analyst, fumbled through a remark about the Sept. 23 game between Oregon State and Washington State, the two members of the Pac-12 left behind by realignment.

Corso referenced the upcoming game live on the air as “The Nobody Wants Us Bowl,” a phrase Washington State Coach Jake Dickert heard as “The Nobody Watches Bowl.”

After beating the Beavers later that day, Dickert lashed out at Corso and ESPN, blaming the latter for the sudden implosion of the Pac-12. He’s not wrong: In these matters, the network operates with a mafioso’s deftness, never committing the act of realignment directly but strongly “encouraging” those who do from the next room over.

Dickert wasn’t alone in his criticism. Former Washington State quarterback Ryan Leaf, one of the program’s most famous alumni, spoke out about the incongruence of ESPN’s fan-centric, on-campus brand bullying a school otherwise helpless to its circumstances. Leaf’s comments irked “GameDay” stalwart Kirk Herbstreit, who continued the argument on social media.

While embarrassing to varying degrees all around — Dickert’s misreading of the quote and Herbstreit’s need to white knight for his international cable conglomerate bosses — all parties involved could have reconciled and moved on. Certainly, the old “GameDay” ethos would have demanded it. Dickert even apologized publicly.

Instead, McAfee pushed the argument further last week during the show’s recognition of Ol’ Crimson, jeering loudly over Davis and company, yelling: “WHO CARES? WHO CARES?” to a canned laughter response. He then carried his beef onto his daily talk show (airing, of course, on ESPN), decrying Washington State’s “sensitivity.”

In his defense, it’s possible McAfee thinks he is doing what he was hired to do, given his parallel career in WWE. In pro wrestling, a scripted feud is meant to elevate both characters in conflict. There’s a logic there that elevating a rivalry by increasing its vitriol draws attention, which is a form of investment in the subject. And there’s also the whopping $85 million ESPN reportedly threw at McAfee, a deal struck amid waves of layoffs. He has to assume he isn’t being paid to go unnoticed.

But this isn’t pro wrestling; this is just punching down. There are very real circumstances facing Washington State and Oregon State, many of which ESPN helped create.

Up to this point, ESPN’s editorial stance on its corporate effect on the sport has been to play dumb, as exemplified by an Aug. 26 “GameDay” segment by Wright Thompson. In the piece, he claimed “every school that sacrificed history and tradition to find a richer conference did so in an attempt to survive.” That’s a fundamentally false statement that indirectly insults the audience by assuming we’re stupid. Now, “GameDay” has evolved from being indirectly insulting to directly insulting in a matter of weeks.

Is McAfee screaming at a school flag on a cable TV show some kind of unconscionable sin? No, but it reads terribly. It’s one thing to operate as an unseen financial force ripping up the fabric of a sport to streamline your holdings. It’s another to point and laugh at the orphan you created, and it’s even worse when your millionaire talent is offended that the orphan is angry about its predicament.

It’s hard to imagine that happening on the old “GameDay.” There are a handful of great television shows covering sports. None carried the fully formed identity of “GameDay.” None has transcended the format, let alone in such an honest way, by being so present for and reverent of its subject’s myriad quirks that it’s divinized right alongside the sport it loves as much as the fans do.

Years of media coverage detailing the logistics required to deliver such a carnival to every odd corner of the country built the show’s value proposition, so much so that notoriously tribal college football fans celebrate “GameDay” arriving in their town as if they have already won something that weekend.

And for a long time, they had — “GameDay” came to see *their* team, not yours. No matter where the trucks pulled up, fans happily met the program on its terms, turning out before dawn with posters and face paint to assist in the evangelism.

You felt good watching “GameDay,” and when the show visited your school, you felt great. But more importantly, you felt *validated.* Even if you cheered for a perennial loser or just some forgotten directional nobody in this big, messy sport, “GameDay” built its mythos on celebrating you for celebrating that.

How does a tradition like Ol’ Crimson persist? Because they were told they mattered.

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL

WEEK 5
THURSDAY’S GAME
Chicago at Washington (-5½), 8:15
SUNDAY’S GAMES
Baltimore (-4) at Pittsburgh, 1
Jacksonville vs. Buffalo (-5½) in London, 9:30 a.m.
Carolina at Detroit (-9½), 1
Houston at Atlanta (-2), 1
N.Y. Giants at Miami (-10½), 1
New Orleans (-1) at New England, 1
Tennessee (-1) at Indianapolis, 1
Cincinnati (-3) at Arizona, 4:05
Philadelphia (-4½) at L.A. Rams, 4:05
Kansas City (-4) at Minnesota, 4:25
N.Y. Jets at Denver (-1½), 4:25
Dallas at San Francisco (-3½), 8:20
BYE: Cleveland, L.A. Chargers, Seattle, Tampa Bay
MONDAY’S GAME
Green Bay (-1) at Las Vegas, 8:15

WEEK 6
THURSDAY, OCT. 12
Denver at Kansas City, 8:15
SUNDAY, OCT. 15
Washington at Atlanta, 1
Baltimore vs Tennessee in London, 9:30 a.m.
Carolina at Miami, 1
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1
Minnesota at Chicago, 1
New Orleans at Houston, 1
San Francisco at Cleveland, 1
Seattle at Cincinnati, 1
New England at Las Vegas, 4:05
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4:25
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 4:25
N.Y. Giants at Buffalo, 8:20
BYE: Pittsburgh, Green Bay
MONDAY, OCT. 15
Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 8:15

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA

WEDNESDAY’S RESULTS
SOUTH
Jacksonville State 45, at Middle Tennessee 30
WEST
FIU at New Mexico State, late

THURSDAY’S GAMES
SOUTH
Sam Houston State (0-4) at Liberty (4-0), 7
Western Kentucky (3-2) at Louisiana Tech (3-3), 8

FRIDAY’S GAMES
EAST
Cornell (2-1) at Harvard (3-0), 7
MIDWEST
Nebraska (2-3) at Illinois (2-3), 8
SOUTHWEST
Kansas State (3-1) at Oklahoma State (2-2), 7:30

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	19	5	8	65	54	37
Orlando City	16	7	9	57	50	37
Philadelphia	15	8	9	54	56	39
Columbus	15	9	8	53	64	44
New England	14	7	10	52	52	39
Atlanta	13	9	10	49	63	50
Nashville	12	10	9	45	36	29
Chicago	10	12	10	40	39	48
CF Montréal	11	16	5	38	31	49
New York City FC	8	10	14	38	34	37
D.C. United	9	14	10	37	43	49
New York	9	13	10	37	32	39
Charlotte FC	8	11	12	36	40	50
Inter Miami CF	9	16	6	33	39	50
Toronto FC	4	18	10	22	26	54

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis City SC	17	10	5	56	62	40
Real Salt Lake	13	11	7	46	43	45
x-Seattle	12	9	10	46	37	31
x-Los Angeles FC	12	10	9	45	44	35
Houston	12	11	9	45	43	36
x-Vancouver	11	10	10	43	51	47
Portland	11	11	10	43	44	51
San Jose	10	10	12	42	37	41
x-FC Dallas	10	10	11	41	35	34
Sporting KC	10	14	8	38	42	48
x-Minnesota United	9	11	11	38	39	41
Austin FC	10	14	8	38	46	50
x-LA Galaxy	8	11	11	35	45	54
x-Colorado	5	15	11	26	24	47

x-Late match

WEDNESDAY’S RESULTS
at Austin FC 3, D.C. United 0
at Charlotte FC 3, Toronto FC 0
New York 2, at Cincinnati 1
Houston 1, at CF Montréal 1
Columbus 2, at New England 1
at Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
at Chicago 4, Miami 1
Orlando City 1, at Nashville 0
Colorado at FC Dallas, late
Minnesota at Los Angeles FC, late
LA Galaxy at Seattle, late
St. Louis City SC at Vancouver, late

Austin FC 3, D.C. United 0

D.C. UNITED	0	0	0
AUSTIN FC	2	1	3

First Half: 1, Austin FC, Bruin, 3 (Driussi), 11th minute; 2, Austin FC, Driussi, 11 (Ring), 21st.
Second Half: 3, Austin FC, Hedges, 1 (Rigoni), 64th.
Goalies: D.C. United, Alex Bono, Luis Zamudio; Austin FC, Bradley Stuver, Damian Las.
Yellow Cards: Klich, D.C. United, 83rd.
D.C. United, Alex Bono; Steven Birnbaum, Eric Davis (Pedro Santos, 90th+5), Andy Najar (Ruan, 46th), Derrick Williams; Gabriel Cordeiro Pirani, Chris Durkin (Theodore Ku-DiPietro, 46th), Mateusz Klich, Russell Canouse (Yamil Asad, 90th+1); Christian Benteke, Jose Fajardo (Erik Hurtado, 46th).
Austin FC, Bradley Stuver; Julio Cascante, Jon Gallagher, Leo Vaisanen (Matt Hedges, 54th); Ethan Finlay, Alexander Ring, Jhojan Valencia, Owen Wolff (Daniel Pereira, 80th); Will Bruin (Nicholas Lima, 62nd), Sebastian Driussi (Memo Rodriguez, 73rd), Emiliano Rigoni (Gyasi Zardes, 73rd).

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego	10	7	3	33	29	22
Portland	9	6	5	32	40	27
Gotham FC	8	6	6	30	23	21
North Carolina	8	7	5	29	28	22
Washington	7	5	8	29	26	28
OL Reign	8	8	4	28	26	24
Orlando	9	10	1	28	24	25
Houston	6	6	8	26	15	15
Angel City	6	7	7	25	24	28
Louisville	5	6	9	24	22	20
Chicago	7	10	3	24	25	41
Kansas City	7	12	1	22	22	31

FRIDAY’S MATCHES
Washington at OL Reign, 8
Orlando at Louisville, 7:30
SATURDAY’S MATCHES
Gotham FC at Portland, 5
San Diego at North Carolina, 7
Chicago at Kansas City, 8

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of three
LIBERTY ELIMINATED MYSTICS, 2-0
Game 1: at New York 90, Washington 75
Game 2: at New York 90, Washington 85 (OT)
ACES ELIMINATED SKY, 2-0
Game 1: at Las Vegas 87, Chicago 59
Game 2: at Las Vegas 92, Chicago 70
SUN ELIMINATED LYNX, 2-1
Game 1: at Connecticut 90, Minnesota 60
Game 2: Minnesota 82, at Connecticut 75
Game 3: Connecticut 90, at Minnesota 75
WINGS ELIMINATED DREAM, 2-0
Game 1: at Dallas 94, Atlanta 82
Game 2: at Dallas 101, Atlanta 74
SEMIFINALS
Best of five
LIBERTY ELIMINATED SUN, 3-1
Game 1: Connecticut 78, at New York 63
Game 2: at New York 84, Connecticut 77
Game 3: New York 92, at Connecticut 81
Sunday’s game: New York 87, at Connecticut 84
ACES ELIMINATED WINGS, 3-0
Game 1: at Las Vegas 97, Dallas 83
Game 2: at Las Vegas 91, Dallas 84
Game 3: Las Vegas 64, at Dallas 61
FINALS
Best of five; x-If necessary
ACES VS. LIBERTY
Sunday: Las Vegas at New York, 3, ABC
Wednesday: Las Vegas at New York, 9, ESPN
Sunday, Oct. 15: New York at Las Vegas, 3, ABC
x-Wednesday, Oct. 18: New York at Las Vegas, 8, ESPN
x-Friday, Oct. 20: Las Vegas at New York, 9, ESPN

BASEBALL

MLB playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of three
NATIONAL LEAGUE
DIAMONDBACKS ELIMINATED BREWERS, 2-0
Game 1: Arizona 6, at Milwaukee 3
Game 2: Arizona 5, at Milwaukee 2
PHILLIES ELIMINATED MARLINS, 2-0
Game 1: at Philadelphia 4, Miami 1
Game 2: at Philadelphia 7, Miami 1
AMERICAN LEAGUE
RANGERS ELIMINATED RAYS, 2-0
Game 1: : Texas 4, at Tampa Bay 0
Game 2: Texas 7, at Tampa Bay 1
TWINS ELIMINATED BLUE JAYS, 2-0
Game 1: at Minnesota 3, Toronto 1
Game 2: at Minnesota 2, Toronto 0
DIVISION SERIES
Best of five; x-If necessary
NATIONAL LEAGUE
BRAVES VS. PHILLIES
Saturday’s game: Philadelphia at Atlanta
Monday’s game: Philadelphia at Atlanta
Wednesday’s game: Atlanta at Philadelphia
x-Thursday, Oct. 12: Atlanta at Philadelphia
x-Saturday, Oct. 14: Philadelphia at Atlanta
DODGERS VS. DIAMONDBACKS
Saturday’s game: Arizona at Los Angeles
Monday’s game: Arizona at Los Angeles
Wednesday’s game: Los Angeles at Arizona
x-Thursday, Oct. 12: Los Angeles at Arizona
x-Saturday, Oct. 14: Arizona at Los Angeles
AMERICAN LEAGUE
ORIOLES VS. RANGERS
Saturday’s game: Texas at Baltimore, 1
Sunday’s game: Texas at Baltimore
Tuesday’s game: Baltimore at Texas
x-Wednesday’s game: Baltimore at Texas
x-Friday, Oct. 13: Texas at Baltimore
ASTROS VS. TWINS
Saturday’s game: Minnesota at Houston
Sunday’s game: Minnesota at Houston
Tuesday’s game: Houston at Minnesota
x-Wednesday’s game: Houston at Minnesota
x-Friday, Oct. 13: Minnesota at Houston
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
Best of seven; x-If necessary
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday, Oct. 16:
Tuesday, Oct. 17:
Thursday, Oct. 19:
Friday, Oct. 20:
x-Saturday, Oct. 21:
x-Monday, Oct. 23:
x-Tuesday, Oct. 24:
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday, Oct. 15:
Monday, Oct. 16:
Wednesday, Oct. 18:
Thursday, Oct. 19:
x-Friday, Oct. 20:
x-Sunday, Oct. 22:
x-Monday, Oct. 23:
WORLD SERIES
Best of seven; x-If necessary
Friday, Oct. 27:
Saturday, Oct. 28:
Monday, Oct. 30:
Tuesday, Oct. 31:
x-Wednesday, Nov. 1:
x-Friday, Nov. 3:
x-Saturday, Nov. 4:

Rangers 7, Rays 1

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.111
Seager ss	4	1	2	1	1	1	.500
Grossman dh	5	0	1	0	0	2	.111
García rf	5	1	1	1	0	1	.200
N.Lowe 1b	5	0	1	1	0	2	.200
Heim c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Taveras cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.333
Jung 3b	4	2	3	1	0	1	.375
Carter lf	2	1	1	2	1	1	.750
TOTALS	38	7	12	7	2	10	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Díaz 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.125
Arozarena lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.375
Ramírez dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.125
J.Lowe rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.250
Paredes 3b	4	0	2	0	0	2	.375
Margot cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.167
Mead 2b	3	0	1	1	0	2	.333
Walls ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	.333
Caminero ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Pinto c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.000
TOTALS	33	1	8	1	0	11	—

TEXAS	000	412	000	—	7	12	1
TAMPA BAY	000	000	100	—	1	8	1

E: Heim (1), Mead (1). **LOB:** Texas 7, Tampa Bay 6. **2B:** Seager 2 (3), Jung 2 (2), Semien (1), Paredes (1). **3B:** Jung (1). **HR:** García (1), off Eflin; Carter (1), off Eflin.

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eovaldi	6⅔	6	1	1	0	8	1.35
Sborz	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Leclerc	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.00

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eflin	5	8	5	4	2	3	7.20
Poche	1	3	2	2	0	2	18.0
Armstrong	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Littell	2	0	0	0	0	4	0.00

WP: Eovaldi (1-0); **LP:** Eflin (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Sborz 2-0. **IBB:** off Eflin (Seager). **HBP:** Littell (Carter). **T:** 2:39. **A:** 20,198 (25,025).

Twins 2, Blue Jays 0

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.222
Belt dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.000
Guerrero Jr. 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.143
Bichette ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.500
Biggio 2b-lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.125
Kirk c	4	0	2	0	0	1	.333
Kiermaier cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.400
Espinal ph-2b	2	0	2	0	0	0	1.00
Chapman 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.143
Varsho lf-cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.000
TOTALS	33	0	9	0	2	12	—

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Julien 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.167
Polanco 3b-2b	3	0	2	0	1	1	.286
Lewis dh	3	1	0	0	1	1	.333
Kepler rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.250
Kirilloff 1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Solano ph-1b	1	0	0	0	2	0	.000
Correa ss	3	0	2	1	0	0	.429
Wallner lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Castro ph-lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Jeffers c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.000
Taylor cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.167
TOTALS	29	2	7	1	5	10	—

TORONTO	000	000	000	—	0	9	1
MINNESOTA	000	200	00X	—	2	7	0

E: Bichette (1). **LOB:** Toronto 9, Minnesota 9.

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Berríos	3	3	1	1	1	5	3.00
Kikuchi	1⅔	3	1	1	1	0	5.40
García	1⅓	0	0	0	1	3	0.00
Swanson	⅔	0	0	0	2	1	0.00
Romano	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray	5	5	0	0	2	6	0.00
Varland	⅓	2	0	0	0	1	0.00
Thielbar	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Stewart	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Jax	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Duran	1	1	0	0	0	3	0.00

WP: Gray (1-0); **LP:** Berríos (0-1); **S:** Duran (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Kikuchi 1-1, García 1-0, Romano 2-0, Thielbar 2-0. **HBP:** Romano (Correa). **WP:** Gray. **T:** 2:51. **A:** 38,518 (38,544).

Diamondbacks 5, Brewers 2

DIAMONDBACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.571
Marte 2b	3	0	1	2	1	2	.250
Pham dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	.125
Walker 1b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.375
Moreno c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Herrera c	2	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.125
Thomas cf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.125
Longoria 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.125
Rivera 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Perdomo ss	2	1	0	0	1	1	.250
TOTALS	32	5	6	4	3	11	—

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	5	1	3	0	0	0	.500
Contreras c	5	0	1	0	0	2	.333
Santana 1b	2	1	1	0	2	1	.286
Canha dh	4	0	3	0	0	0	.375
Frelick cf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.250
Adames ss	3	0	1	1	1	1	.571
Donaldson 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Turang 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Winker ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Monasterio 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Taylor rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.125
TOTALS	33	2	9	2	3	8	—

ARIZONA	000	014	000	—	5	6	0
MILWAUKEE	200	000	000	—	2	9	0

LOB: Arizona 3, Milwaukee 9. **2B:** Carroll (1), Yelich (1). **HR:** Thomas (1), off Peralta.

DIAMONDBACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gallen	6	5	2	2	3	4	3.00
Thompson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Ginkel	⅓	3	0	0	0	1	0.00
Saalfrank	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Sewald	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Peralta	5	3	4	4	2	5	7.20
Uribe	⅓	2	1	1	1	0	6.75
Milner	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
Peguero	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Megill	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.00

WP: Gallen (1-0); **LP:** Peralta (0-1); **S:** Sewald (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Saalfrank 3-0, Uribe 1-1, Milner 2-0. **HBP:** Sewald (Donaldson). **WP:** Uribe. **T:** 2:58. **A:** 41,166 (41,700).

Phillies 7, Marlins 1

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.125
Soler dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.125
Bell 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.500
Chisholm Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Burger 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.286
De La Cruz lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.167
J.Sánchez rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Berti ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	.200
Stallings c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Edwards ph	1	1	1	0	0	0	1.00
TOTALS	29	1	5	1	1	6	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	1	1	1	0	3	.250
Turner ss	4	0	2	1	0	1	.571
Bohm 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.250
Harper 1b	2	1	0	0	2	1	.167
Realmuto c	4	1	2	1	0	0	.375
Castellanos rf	4	1	0	0	0	1	.250
Stott 2b	4	1	1	4	0	3	.250
Pache lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.200
Rojas cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.167
TOTALS	32	7	7	7	3	12	—

MIAMI	000	000	001	—	1	5	1
PHILA.	002	104	00X	—	7	7	0

E: Burger (1). **LOB:** Miami 3, Philadelphia 4. **2B:** Berti (1), Realmuto (1), Schwarber (1), Bohm (2), Turner (2). **HR:** Realmuto (1), off Robertson; Stott (1), off Nardi.

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garrett	3	3	2	2	1	5	6.00
Robertson	2	2	2	2	0	4	9.00
Nardi	1⅓	1	3	2	1	2	13.5
Chargois	⅔	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Scott	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nola	7	3	0	0	1	3	0.00
Kerkering	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Soto	1	2	1	1	0	2	9.00

WP: Nola (1-0); **LP:** Garrett (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Nardi 1-1. **IBB:** off Chargois (Harper). **HBP:** Nola (Berti). **WP:** Chargois. **T:** 2:30. **A:** 45,738 (42,901).

HOCKEY

NHL preseason

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	6	5	1	0	10	20	12
Tampa Bay	5	4	1	0	8	15	10
Detroit	6	4	2	0	8	22	15
Toronto	6	3	1	2	8	19	16
Florida	6	3	3	0	6	17	14
Buffalo	6	3	3	0	6	18	20
Montreal	5	2	3	0	4	13	16
Boston	5	1	2	2	4	12	16

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	6	6	0	0	12	27	13
Columbus	6	3	2	1	7	21	19
Washington	4	2	1	1	5	14	16
Philadelphia	5	2	2	1	5	10	15
Pittsburgh	6	2	3	1	5	13	16
N.Y. Islanders	4	2	2	0	4	14	14
Carolina	4	2	2	0	4	11	11
N.Y. Rangers	5	1	4	0	2	11	18

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	5	4	0	1	9	23	9
Minnesota	4	3	1	0	6	12	13
St. Louis	6	2	2	2	6	14	20
Chicago	4	2	1	1	5	9	12
Winnipeg	5	2	2	1	5	14	12
Colorado	5	2	3	0	4	13	16
Arizona	7	2	5	0	4	19	25
Nashville	4	0	3	1	1	7	17

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	7	5	1	1	11	22	18
Edmonton	7	4	2	1	9	18	17
Calgary	7	4	2	1	9	27	22
Anaheim	6	4	2	0	8	20	18
x-Seattle	4	2	1	1	5	11	11
San Jose	5	2	2	1	5	12	12
x-Vancouver	4	1	2	1	3	7	17
Vegas	5	1	3	1	3	10	15

x-Late game

TUESDAY’S RESULTS
Washington 5, at Boston 4 (OT)
Tampa Bay 2, Florida 0 at Amway Center
at Dallas 3, Colorado 1
at Chicago 4, Detroit 2
at Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 1
San Jose 2, at Vegas 0
WEDNESDAY’S RESULTS
at New Jersey 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Detroit 2, at Pittsburgh 1
at Columbus 5, Buffalo 3
at Edmonton 7, Calgary 2
Seattle vs. Vancouver at Abbotsford Centre, late
THURSDAY’S GAMES
Washington at Columbus, 7
Detroit at Toronto, 7
Florida at Tampa Bay, 7
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30
Carolina at Nashville, 8
Ottawa at Winnipeg, 8
St. Louis at Dallas, 8
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30
San Jose vs. Los Angeles at Delta Center, 9
Arizona at Anaheim, 10
Colorado at Vegas, 10
FRIDAY’S GAMES
Nashville at Carolina, 7
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7
Seattle at Edmonton, 9
Calgary at Vancouver, 10

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

CHINA OPEN
At National Tennis Center; in Beijing
Purse: $3,633,875
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
MEN’S SINGLES — CHAMPIONSHIP
Jannik Sinner (6), Italy, def. Daniil Medvedev (2), Russia, 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-2).
WOMEN’S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16
Jelena Ostapenko (13), Latvia, def. Jessica Pegula (4), United States, 6-4, 6-2; Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, def. Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-7 (7-4), 7-5; Iga Swiatek (2), Poland, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 6-1, 6-1; Elena Rybakina (5), Kazakhstan, def. Mirra Andreeva, Russia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

ATP

SHANGHAI MASTERS
At Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena; in Shanghai
Purse: $8,800,000
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
SINGLES — ROUND OF 128
Brandon Nakashima, United States, def. Bernabe Zapata Miralles, Spain, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3); Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Stan Wawrinka, Switzerland, 6-4, 7-6 (9-7); Bu Yunchaokete, China, def. Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, 6-7 (8-6), 6-2, 2-1, ret; Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, def. Daniel Altmaier, Germany, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7-2); Dane Sweeny, Australia, def. Taro Daniel, Japan, 6-2, 6-3; Thanasi Kokkinakis, Australia, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-2, 6-4; Jaume Munar, Spain, def. Rigele TE, China, 6-2, 6-4; Fabian Marozsan, Hungary, def. Arthur Rinderknech, France, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2; Mackenzie McDonald, United States, def. Corentin Moutet, France, 6-2, 6-3; Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, def. James Duckworth, Australia, 6-4, 6-7 (12-10), 6-3; Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, def. Denis Yevseyev, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 6-2; Zhang Zhizhen, China, def. Richard Gasquet, France, 6-1, 6-2; Marcos Giron, United States, def. Daniel Elahi Galan, Colombia, 6-4, 6-2; Cristian Garin, Chile, def. Aleksandar Kovacevic, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (12-10); Roman Safiullin, Russia, def. Andy Murray, Britain, 6-3, 6-2; Yu Hsiou Hsu, Taiwan, def. Max Purcell, Australia, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-4.

LOCAL GOLF

MANOR
Jackie Lutz of Westwood Country Club won the WDCGA 2023 Tournament of Champions with a net 74.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS
Through Monday.
1. William Byron, 3136.
2. Denny Hamlin, 3108.
3. Christopher Bell, 3080.
4. Ryan Blaney, 3078.
5. Chris Buescher, 3077.

HIGH SCHOOLS

WEDNESDAY’S RESULTS
BOYS’ SOCCER
D.C.
Jackson Reed 0, School Without Walls 0
MARYLAND
Blair 1, Churchill 0
Northwest 2, Quince Orchard 1
Walter Johnson 1, Bethesda-Chevy Chase 0
Watkins Mill 2, Poolesville 1
PRIVATE
Collegiate 4, Virginia Academy 0

GIRLS’ SOCCER
MARYLAND
Bethesda Chevy Chase 5, Walter Johnson 1
PRIVATE
Archbishop Spalding 7, Urbana 0
Potomac School 4, Georgetown Day 1
Roland Park 4, Severn 1
Sidwell Friends 3, Georgetown Visitation 0
Stone Ridge 3, Maret 2

VOLLEYBALL
MARYLAND
Magruder def. Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 3-2
Douglass def. Surrattsville, 3-0 (25-2, 25-11, 25-18)
Eleanor Roosevelt def. Parkdale, 3-0 (25-14, 25-9, 25-11)
Huntingtown def. La Plata, 3-0
Oxon Hill def. CMIT South, 3-0 (25-10, 25-12, 25-19)
Paint Branch def. Wheaton, 3-2
Wise def. C.H. Flowers (25-16, 25-11, 25-16)
VIRGINIA
Freedom (South Riding) def. Stone Bridge, 3-2 (28-26, 28-30, 25-18, 23-25, 15-5)
Private
Glenelg Country def. Roland Park, 3-0 (25-11, 25-17, 25-23)

FIELD HOCKEY
MARYLAND
Marriotts Ridge 1, Howard 0
Mt. Hebron 2, River Hill 0
VIRGINIA
Alexandria City 2, Lake Braddock 1
Annandale 3, Jefferson 0
Fairfax 4, West Potomac 0
Herndon 1, Washington-Liberty 0
PRIVATE
Madeira 3, Brookewood 0
St. John’s 10, Holy Cross 0

GOLF
PRIVATE
Churchill 296, Richard Montgomery 298, Walt Whitman 302, Wootton 326
Northern 350, Huntingtown 355, Calvert 397, Patuxent 409
Northwest 157, Damascus 163, Magruder 195, Clarksburg 197

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE
THURSDAY’S GAMES
D.C.
Bell at Phelps, 6
Ron Brown at Anacostia, 6
MARYLAND
Calvert at Huntingtown, 7
Gaithersburg at Magruder, 7
Richard Montgomery at Rockville, 7
Wheaton at Bethesda Chevy Chase, 7

FRIDAY’S GAMES
D.C.
Armstrong/Kennedy at Friendship Collegiate, 6
Cardozo at McKinley Tech, 6
Dunbar at H.D. Woodson, 6
Jackson Reed at Eastern, 6
MARYLAND
Arundel at Meade, 6
Atholton at Reservoir, 7
Blair at Walter Johnson, 7
Bowie at C.H. Flowers, 4
Broadneck at Old Mill, 6
Centennial at Glenelg, 7
Chesapeake at South River, 6
Chopticon at La Plata, 7
Clarksburg at Wootton, 7
Crossland at Largo, 7
Douglass at Potomac (Md.), 6
Eleanor Roosevelt at Bladensburg, 7
Fairmont Heights at St. John’s Catholic Prep, 6
Friendly at Gwynn Park, 6:30
Glen Burnie at Crofton, 6
Great Mills at Patuxent, 7
High Point at Oxon Hill, 7
Lackey at Westlake, 7
Leonardtown at Northern, 7
Marriotts Ridge at Howard, 7
Mt. Hebron at River Hill, 7
North County at Annapolis, 6
North Point at St. Charles, 7
Northeast at Severna Park, 6
Northwest at Paint Branch, 6:30
Northwestern at Suitland, 7
Oakland Mills at Long Reach, 7
Poolesville vs. Boonsboro, 6:30
Seneca Valley at Quince Orchard, 6:30
Sherwood at Damascus, 6:30
Southern vs. North East, 6:30
Springbrook at Northwood, 6:30
Watkins Mill at Blake, 6:30
Whitman at Churchill, 6:30
Wilde Lake at Hammond, 7
VIRGINIA
Alexandria City at South County, 7
Annandale at Justice, 7
Brentsville at Warren County, 7
Fairfax at Woodson, 7
Falls Church at Mount Vernon, 7
Freedom (Woodbridge) at Colgan, 7
Gar Field at Potomac, 7
Hayfield at Edison, 7
Heritage at Broad Run, 7
Herndon at Chantilly, 7
John Champe at Loudoun County, 7
Kettle Run at Meridian, 7
Lewis at Jefferson, 7
Lightridge at Independence, 7
Madison at Westfield, 7
Manassas Park at Skyline, 7
Osbourn at Unity Reed, 7
Osbourn Park at Freedom (South Riding), 7
Park View at Woodgrove, 7
Patriot at Gainesville, 7
Potomac Falls at Stone Bridge, 7
Riverside at Briar Woods, 7
Robinson at West Springfield, 7
Rock Ridge at Dominion, 7
Tuscarora at Loudoun Valley, 7
Wakefield at Langley, 7
Washington Liberty at Marshall, 7
West Potomac at Oakton, 7
Woodbridge at Forest Park, 7
Yorktown at McLean, 7
PRIVATE
Annapolis Area Christian at Severn, 3:30
Archbishop Spalding at Gilman, 4
Gonzaga at DeMatha, 7
McDonogh at Pallotti, 7
Mount Carmel at St. Mary’s (Annapolis), 7
National Christian Academy at Bullis, 7
Paul VI at St. Mary’s Ryken, 7
Riverdale Baptist at Landon, 4
SEED (Baltimore) at Maret, 7
St. Stephen’s/St. Agnes at Episcopal, 8

SATURDAY’S GAMES
D.C.
Digital Pioneers at KIPP Legacy, noon
KIPP College Prep at Paul Public Charter, 2
Theodore Roosevelt at Ballou, 1
MARYLAND
Central at Surrattsville, 2
Einstein at Kennedy, 2:30
McDonough at Thomas Stone, 7
Parkdale at Laurel, 2
Wise at DuVal, 2
PRIVATE
Bishop Ireton at Archbishop Carroll, 2
Georgetown Prep at Benedictine, 2
Good Counsel at St. John’s, 2
Indiana School for the Deaf (Ind.) at Model, 7
John Paul the Great at Bishop O’Connell, 2
Kiski School (Pa.) at Potomac School, noon
Northern Virginia Home School at Sidwell Friends, noon
Rock Creek Christian at Trinity Episcopal, 7
Virginia Spartans at Virginia Academy, 2

TRANSACTIONS

NFL

Arizona Cardinals: Designated OL Dennis Daley to return from injured reserve and CB Garrett Williams to return from the reserve/non-football injury list to practice.
Baltimore Ravens: Designated RB Keaton Mitchell to return from injured reserve to practice.
Buffalo Bills: Designated OLB Von Miller to return from the reserve/physically unable to perform (PUP) list to practice.
Carolina Panthers: Designated G Austin Corbett and TE Stephen Sullivan to return from injured reserve to practice.
Chicago Bears: Signed DB Christian Matthew to the practice squad. Released DB Macon Clark from the practice squad.
Denver Broncos: Released DE Randy Gregory. Promoted RB Dwayne Washington from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed WR Michael Bandy to the practice squad. Designated DB P.J. Locke to return from injured reserve to practice.
Houston Texans: Designated RT Tytus Howard, DB Brandon Hill and P Cameron Johnston to return from injured reserve to practice. Placed C Kendrick Green on injured reserve. Signed DE Derek Rivers. Signed DT Taylor Stallworth to the practice squad,
Jacksonville Jaguars: Designated DL Dawuane Smoot to return from the physically unable to perform (PUP) list to practice.
Los Angeles Chargers: Claimed CB Essang Bassey off waivers from Denver.
Miami Dolphins: Designated CB Nik Needham and G Robert Jones to return from injured reserve to practice.
New England Patriots: Designated OL Riley Reiff, DE Trey Flowers and S Cody Davis to return from injured reserve to practice. Signed DT Trysten Hill to the practice squad. Released P Corliss Waitman from the practice squad.
Pittsburgh Steelers: Promoted TE Rodney Williams from the practice squad to the active roster. Signed WR Dez Fitzpatrick and TE Noah Gindorff to the practice squad.

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Military Police of the Federal District (PMDF) Logistics And Finance Department

GDF

BIDDING NOTICE

ELECTRONIC INTERNATIONAL AUCTION – PEI NO 33/2023

Process SEI-GDF nº 00054-00021722/2023-11. The Logistics and Finance Department from the Military Police of the Federal District makes it public to interested parties the opening of the aforementioned event, whose object is the future and possible acquisition in the domestic or foreign market of 04 (four) Robots units for Anti-Bomb Operations for the Special Operation Battalion Bomb Squad of the Military Police of the Federal District - PMDF, through the Price Registration System, according to District Decree no. 39.103/2018, aiming to ensure the maintenance and modernization of PMDF Bomb Squad teams, as Managing Agency, and from the Civil Police Agency of the State of Rio de Janeiro - SEPOL/RJ, Military Police of the State of Paraná - PMPR, Military Police of the State of Pará - PMPA, Military Police of the State of Bahia - PMBA, Pernambuco Social Defense Agency - SDS/PE, and the State Agency of Justice and Public Security of the State of Mato Grosso do Sul - SEJUSP/MS, Civil Police of the State of Bahia - PCBA, State Agency of Public Security of Alagoas - SSP/AL, Military Brigade of the State of Rio Grande do Sul - BMRS and the State Agency of Public Security of Mato Grosso - SSP/MT, as Participating Agencies according to the specifications and conditions within the Term of Reference dealt in Annex I of the Notice. Estimated Cost: R$ 53,748.999,10 (fifty-three million, seven hundred and forty-eight thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine Reals and ten cents). Type: Lowest Cost. Closing date for receipt of proposals: **08/Nov/2023 at 2:30 pm (GMT - 3 Brasília/DF time)**. Expenditure element: 4.4.90-52. Copies of the Notice can be found on the websites: www.gov.br/compras and www.pm.df.gov.br. UASG: 926016. Information: (55) - (61) 3190-5557 / (55) - (61) 3190-5559 and at the email: *dlf.licitacao@pm.df.gov.br*, with copy to: *splpmdf@gmail.com*. The event will be conducted in accordance with article 193, item II of Federal Law No. 14.133, from 01/April/2021.

Brasília/DF, September 13, 2023
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Crown Castle is proposing to install a 35-foot communications light pole at the following site: 10007 Fields Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 (39.117233, -77.205757). Crown Castle invites comments from any interested party on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or specific reason the proposed action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Specific information regarding the project is available by contacting Monica Gambino, Monica.Gambino@CrownCastle.com, 724-416-2516 during normal business hours. Comments must be received at 2000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317 within 30 days of the date of this publication.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 001162

Estate of
Florence B. Green
Deceased

NOTICE OF STANDARD PROBATE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in this Court by Compu-link Corporation dba Celink as attorney in fact for Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC for standard probate, including the appointment of one or more personal representatives. Unless a responsive pleading in the form of a complaint or an objection in accordance with Superior Court Probate Division Rule 407 is filed in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this notice, the Court may take the action hereinafter set forth.
In the absence of a will or proof satisfactory to the Court of due execution, enter an order determining that the decedent died intestate appoint a supervised personal representative.

Alyssa L. Szymczyk, Esq.
Counsel for Petitioner
1602 Village Market Blvd 310
Leesburg, VA 20175
703-777-7101
PETITIONER
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 001121

Richard B. Treanor aka Richard Bryant Treanor
Sean Treanor
410 Marietta Pl. NW,
Washington, DC 20011
Bar no. 1032448

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Thomas Michael Guiffre aka Michael Guiffre, whose address is 11000 Sandy Hill Dr., Fairfax Station, VA 22039 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Richard B. Treanor aka Richard Bryant Treanor, who died on January 20, 2022 with a will and will service without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 4/5/24. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 4/5/24, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Thomas Michael Guiffre aka
Michael Guiffre
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 000877

Dianne Augustus
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Anne Marie Augustus, whose address is 135 Berry Patch Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Dianne Augustus, who died on July 2, 2022 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 04/05/2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 04/05/2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Anne Marie Augustus
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2023 ADM 1053

Patrick Michael Kildea, Jr.
Adam E. Moskowitz, Esq.
7315 Wisconsin Avenue,
#800 West
Bethesda, MD 20814

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Mary Linda Kildea, whose address is 8303 Rising Ridge Way, Bethesda, MD 20817 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Patrick Michael Kildea, Jr., who died on April 19, 2021 with a will and will service without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 3.21.2024. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 3.21.2024, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Mary Linda Kildea
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

There now is pending before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia an action, Case No.: 2018-CA-000132-R(RP), STERLING NATIONAL BANK, seeking to affect title to the property located at 4627 Minnesota Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20019. A copy of the action is available in the Civil Division Clerk's Office of the Court. A written answer, including any claims or defenses, if any, must be filed in the Civil Division Clerk's Office, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Room 5000, Washington D.C. 20001, on or before the 30th day of November 2023.

To: Alyssa Thompson
To: Unknown Father

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-23-000391. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a male child born on February 28, 2022, in Silver Spring (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Alyssa Janelle Thompson (DOB April 1, 1988) and Unknown Father (DOB: Unknown) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 and phone number (240) 777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by November 6, 2023, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

To: Alyssa Thompson
To: Unknown Father

You are hereby notified that a guardianship case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, Case No. C-15-JV-23-000390. All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a male child born on February 28, 2022, in Silver Spring (Montgomery County), Maryland, to Alyssa Janelle Thompson (DOB April 1, 1988) and Unknown Father (DOB: Unknown) shall file a written response. A copy of the Show Cause Orders may be obtained from the Juvenile Clerk's Office at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 and phone number (240) 777-9530. If you do not file a written objection by November 6, 2023, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.

820 Official Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, will conduct a public hearing on Amendment to Schematic Development Plan ASDP-9629-2023 on

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2023
AT 7:30 P.M.

or as soon thereafter as this matter can be heard in the Council Chambers at 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The applicant requests approval of the Amendment to Schematic Development Plan, ASDP-9629-2023, located at 103 and 203 Spectrum Avenue. The applicant is requesting to amend previously approved Schematic Development Plan SDP-9269-2022 to adjust the property boundary lines to the south and east of the property.

Further information may be obtained from the Planning and Code Administration Department at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by visiting the City's website at: https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city .

Jasmine Forbes, Planner
planning@gaithersburgmd.gov
Planning and Code Administration

NOTICE

Notice of Adoption of Charter Amendment Resolution No. 11-23

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to pursuant to Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland, Sections 4-303 and 304 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and the Charter of the City of Rockville, the Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, on September 18, 2023, duly adopted Resolution No.11-23 (Charter Amendment No. CA2023-00065, to amend Section 2 of Article II, "The Mayor and Council," of the Charter of the City of Rockville so as to modify the procedure for adopting ordinance by increasing the number of Councilmembers needed to request a public hearing on an ordinance when it is introduced and increasing the number of Councilmembers needed to affirmatively vote to waive the layover and agenda requirements to adopt an ordinance.

This amendment shall become effective and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Rockville on November 7, 2023, unless on or before September 28, 2023, there shall be presented to the Mayor and Council of Rockville, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition meeting the requirements of Article V, Section 2 of the City Charter.

Mayor and Council of Rockville
By: Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

SHANNON MENAPACE
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff

V.

JAPHETH K. KALUYU
Defendant

Civil No.: 432508V

NOTICE OF SALE

11784 Carriage House Dr # 58, Silver Spring, MARYLAND 20904

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY this **18th day of September, 2023** that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by SYDNEY ROBERSON, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18th day of October, 2023**, provided, a copy of this notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST a newspaper published in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, once in each of three successive weeks, before the **18th day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **$152,000.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
Clerk, Circuit Court for
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436414

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Estate of Shirley A. Stroud ,
Surviving Tenant by the Entirety of
Thomas Melvin Stroud,
Deceased
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-23-002290

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **19 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **7306 Epping Avenue, Fort Washington, MD 20744** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **19 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **19 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$288,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #793

Orlans 22-007029

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436442

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ROBERT A. JONES, et al
Plaintiffs, Substitute Trustees

V.

LIVING SPRING INSTITUTE LLC
Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. C-16-CV-23-001327

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **18 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **7241 Hanover Parkway Suite C and D, Greenbelt, MD 20770** will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County before the **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale to be **$196,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND #769

SIWPC File# 82899

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436416

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs

V.

Keisha Marcia Harris and
Wynora Antoinette Harris
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-22-000237

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **18 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **3615 Gramby St, Hyattsville, MD 20784** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$258,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #793

Orlans 22-002333

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436422

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

V.

Ashley Minor
2019 North Anvil Lane
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-001609

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this day **18 day of September, 2023**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **2019 North Anvil Lane, Temple Hills, MD 20748**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$261,450.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland #793

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436424

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)

v.

The Estate of
Glendora Queen aka
Glendora Marie Collins-Queen
Estate of Glendora Queen
2104 Redwood Terrace
Temple Hills, MD 20748
Defendant(s)

Case No. C-16-CV-23-001093

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **18 day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of **2104 Redwood Terrace, Temple Hills, MD 20748**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in The Washington Post a daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the day **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$281,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
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Prince George's County,
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840 Trustees Sale - DC

MARK H. WITTSTADT, ESQUIRE
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LUTHERVILLE, MD 21093
410-238-2840

TRUSTEE'S SALE
REAL PROPERTY
6922 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20012

By virtue of a certain Commercial Deed of Trust, Security Agreement , Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing from LFH Investments, LLC a Maryland limited liability company dated October 13, 2022 and duly recorded October 17, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022104829 (the "Deed of Trust") among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records"), which Deed of Trust also constitutes a security agreement and creates a security interest in all fixtures described in the Deed of Trust, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and following mailing of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit recorded among the Land Records on September 11, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023078118 and the recordation of the Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure recorded among the Land Records on August 18, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023071506 the undersigned Trustee will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 12:34 PM

The real estate located at 6922 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC and legally described as follows:
Lot Numbered Seventeen (17) in Square Numbered Twenty-Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven (2967) in the Subdivision made by John Wischhausen, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Liber 64 at Folio 75.
Property Address: 6922 9th Street NW, Washington, DC 20012.
Tax Parcel ID No:
SSL. 2967-0000-0017

FIXTURES AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust as evidenced by a Financing Statement recorded among said Land Records as Instrument Number 2022104830 and upon occurrence of a default thereunder, the Secured Party, Carstensz Loan Holdings, LLC, as the holder of a security interest and lien on all of the tangible and intangible assets of the Debtor, will sell at public auction on the same date and at the same time and place, ALL OF THE FIXTURES and TANGIBLE PROPERTY, ETC. of the Debtor located on or about the Real Estate (that is subject to the security interest and lien of Carstensz Loan Holdings, LLC and not owned by any third party.)
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the Trustee receives the deposit in the required amount and form. A deposit in the amount of $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Trustee may determine in his sole discretion, which check shall be payable to "Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee." The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days after consummation of the sale and delivered to the Substitute Trustee in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, will be forfeited, and after payment of all expenses and commissions due in connection with the defaulted sale, the balance shall be applied to the indebtedness due under the terms of the note and Deed of Trust. The terms of sale must be complied with, and settlement consummated thereon within 25 days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the rate of 12.99% per annum being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Trustee as stated above will forfeit the deposit and reserves the right to resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Trustee may deem proper, and to avail himself and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser.
The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust or have been granted non-disturbance or similar rights, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Trustee or any other party, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, or (vi) compliance with any tenants' rights or similar laws, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination, or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Trustee or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. The Property shall be sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage, and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities, and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. The District of Columbia Government may impose transfer and recordation taxes on any assignment of the successful bid prior to recordation of the Trustee's Deed. The successful purchaser shall be solely liable for payment of such additional transfer and recordation taxes, if any. If the Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale.

Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

Pardo & Drazin, LLC
Russell S. Drazin, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
202-223-7900

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Unit A at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2036 in Square 3562

Unit B at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2037 in Square 3562

Unit C at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2038 in Square 3562

Unit P-1 at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2039 in Square 3562

Unit P-2 at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2040 in Square 3562

Unit P-3 at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2041 in Square 3562

Unit P-4 at 2116 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 2042 in Square 3562

315 W Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Lot 60 in Square 3562

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated September 30, 2021 and recorded on October 28, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021143456 from 2116 4th Street LLC and Eckington Court LLC, as grantors, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note in the principal amount of $225,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Daniel Huertas as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THOSE LOTS OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as Unit A at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2036 in Square 3562), Unit B at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2037 in Square 3562), Unit C at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2038 in Square 3562), Unit P-1 at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2039 in Square 3562), Unit P-2 at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2040 in Square 3562), Unit P-3 at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2041 in Square 3562), Unit P-4 at 2116 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 2042 in Square 3562), and 315 W Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (Lot 60 in Square 3562), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust (together with any and all personal property secured thereby).

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Without limitation, the property will be sold subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated September 30, 2021 and recorded on October 28, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021143455 from 2116 4th Street LLC and Eckington Court LLC, as grantors, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note in the principal amount of $1,621,395.00.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $200,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
REAL PROPERTY
1416 A STREET, SE
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By virtue of a certain Commercial Deed of Trust, Security Agreement , Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing from 1416 A Street SE LLC, a District of Columbia limited liability company dated July 30, 2020 and duly recorded August 13, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020098535 (the "Deed of Trust") among the Land Records of the District of Columbia (the "Land Records"), which Deed of Trust also constitutes a security agreement and creates a security interest in all fixtures described in the Deed of Trust, a default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and the covenants contained therein, and at the request of the party secured thereby (the "Noteholder"), and in accordance with Public Law 90-566 and following mailing of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit recorded among the Land Records on September 11, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023078122 and the recordation of the Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure recorded among the Land Records on August 18, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023071505 the undersigned Trustee will sell, at public auction, within the office of ALEX COOPER AUCTIONEERS, INC., 4910 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 100, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 12:36 PM

The real estate located at 1416 A Street, SE, Washington, DC and legally described as follows:
Lot numbered Eighty-Nine (89) in Square numbered Ten Hundred Fifty-Eight (1058), in the subdivision made by Alcione Vinet and Denise Vinet, as per plat recorded in the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia in Plat Liber 206 at Folio 184.
For purposes of assessment and taxation the above referenced property is now known as Lot Numbered Eighty-Nine (89) in Square Numbered Ten Hundred Fifty-Eight (1058).

FIXTURES AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust as evidenced by any Financing Statement recorded among said Land Records and upon occurrence of a default thereunder, the Secured Party, Carstensz Fund II, LLC, LLC, as the holder of a security interest and lien on all of the tangible and intangible assets of the Debtor, will sell at public auction on the same date and at the same time and place, ALL OF THE FIXTURES and TANGIBLE PROPERTY, ETC. of the Debtor located on or about the Real Estate (that is subject to the security interest and lien of Carstensz Fund II, LLC and not owned by any third party.)
TOGETHER WITH any and all buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances now erected on the above-described land, including, without limitation, all equipment, apparatus, machinery and fixtures of any kind or character forming a part of said buildings, structures, improvements or appurtenances, and any furniture, furnishings, equipment, machinery and other personal property owned and located in, upon or about the above-described land and any buildings thereon all as more particularly described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust (the "Property"). The "Property" does not include any property owned by any tenants at the Property.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. The Property will be offered as an entirety only. The bid that yields the highest price for the Property will be accepted by the Trustee (unless the sale is postponed or cancelled) and all bids will be provisional until acceptance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee absolutely reserves the right to postpone the sale and/or cancel the sale at any time until the auctioneer announces that the Property is "sold" and the Trustee receives the deposit in the required amount and form. A deposit in the amount of $25,000.00 will be required at the time of sale as a condition to bidding. Such deposit must be by cashier's check or certified check or in such other form as the Trustee may determine in his sole discretion, which check shall be payable to "Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee." The deposit must be increased to 10% of the purchase price within 2 business days after consummation of the sale and delivered to the Substitute Trustee in the same form of funds as the initial deposit. The Noteholder secured by the Deed of Trust (or any related party) shall be exempted by the Trustee from submitting any bidding deposit. The Trustee will, as a condition of the sale, require all potential bidders except the Noteholder to show their deposit before any bidding begins. The retained deposit of the successful purchaser shall be applied, without interest, to the successful purchaser's credit at settlement; provided, however, that in the event the successful purchaser does not consummate the purchase in accordance with the terms of sale as herein provided, such deposit, will be forfeited, and after payment of all expenses and commissions due in connection with the defaulted sale, the balance shall be applied to the indebtedness due under the terms of the note and Deed of Trust. The terms of sale must be complied with, and settlement consummated thereon within 25 days from the day of sale unless extended at the sole discretion of the Trustee. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. The balance of the purchase price over and above the retained deposit, with interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum being charged from the date of sale through the date of receipt of the balance of the purchase price, will be due at settlement by bank wire transfer; and if not so paid, the Trustee as stated above will forfeit the deposit and reserves the right to resell the Property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after such advertisement and on such terms as the Trustee may deem proper, and to avail himself and the Noteholder of any legal or equitable rights against the defaulting purchaser. The Property is sold subject to the rights, if any, of parties in possession, if such rights have priority over the Deed of Trust or have been granted non-disturbance or similar rights, and to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights of way, and limitations of record. The Property will be sold "WHERE IS" and in "AS IS" condition without any warranty as to condition, express or implied, and without any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information furnished to prospective bidders by the Trustee or any other party, if any, and without any other representations or warranty of any nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Property will be sold without representation or warranty as to (i) title to the Property, (ii) the nature, condition, structural integrity, or fitness for a particular use of any improvements, fixtures or personal property included within the Property, (iii) the environmental condition of the Property or the compliance of the Property with federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the presence or disposal of hazardous substances, (iv) compliance of the Property with the Americans with Disabilities Act or any similar law, (v) compliance of the Property with any zoning laws or ordinances and any and all applicable safety codes, or (vi) compliance with any tenants' rights or similar laws, and acceptance of the Deed to the Property by the successful purchaser shall constitute a waiver of any claims against the Trustee or the Noteholder concerning any of the foregoing matters. The successful purchaser recognizes that any investigation, examination, or inspection of the Property is within the control of the owner or other parties in possession of the Property and not within the control of the Trustee or the Noteholder.
Conveyance shall be by Trustee's Deed, without covenant or warranty, express or implied. The risk of loss or damage by fire or other casualty to the Property from and after the time of sale shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. The Property shall be sold subject to all taxes, ground rents, public charges, assessments, sewer, water, drainage, and other public improvements, if any, whether assessments have been levied or not. The Noteholder and Trustee assume no liability for fuel, gas, electricity, utilities, and other operating charges accrued before or after the sale and all such charges shall be the sole responsibility of the purchaser from the date of sale. All costs incident to the settlement and conveyancing including, without limitation, examination of title, conveyancing, all recordation taxes and charges, all transfer taxes and charges, title insurance premiums, notary fees, settlement fees and all other costs incident to settlement shall be at the cost of the successful purchaser. The District of Columbia Government may impose transfer and recordation taxes on any assignment of the successful bid prior to recordation of the Trustee's Deed. The successful purchaser shall be solely liable for payment of such additional transfer and recordation taxes, if any. If the Trustee cannot convey title, the purchaser's sole remedy is a return of deposit. Further particulars may be announced at the time of sale.

Mark H. Wittstadt, Trustee

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850 Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
9254 Brown Church Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 9254 Brown Church Road, Mount Airy, MD 21771. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated August 16, 2012, and recorded in Liber 44711 at Page 346 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $220,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **October 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 12-00924836

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-291728.

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850 Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
906 Venice Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 906 Venice Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 14, 2006, and recorded in Liber 33388 at Page 633 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $424,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **October 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 05-00349670

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 18-278340.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
2701 Linden Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Account ID 13-03532774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated December 23, 2021 and recorded on December 30, 2021 in Book 64943 at Page 337 from AVAMERE NPS STABLES LLC ("Borrower"), as grantor, to RUSSELL S. DRAZIN ("Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of WCP FUND I LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated December 23, 2021 in the principal amount of $3,135,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County located at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on

OCTOBER 6, 2023 AT 10:05 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland, commonly known as 2701 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $360,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
2725 Cassedy Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Account ID 13-03532945

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated November 18, 2021 and recorded on November 24, 2021 in Book 64693 at Page 58 from AVAMERE NPS CARPENTERS LLC ("Borrower"), as grantor, to RUSSELL S. DRAZIN ("Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of WCP FUND I LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated November 18, 2021 in the principal amount of $4,012,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County located at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on

OCTOBER 6, 2023 AT 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland, commonly known as 2725 Cassedy Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $400,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
3745 Glen Eagles Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3745 Glen Eagles Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated May 18, 2021, and recorded in Liber 64382 at Page 46 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $775,860.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **October 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 13-03392112

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293422.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
16215 Redland Road, Derwood, MD 20855

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 16215 Redland Road, Derwood, MD 20855. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 25, 2016, and recorded in Liber 52576 at Page 274 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $562,500.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **October 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 04-00045496

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 21-289182.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
333 Casey Ln, Rockville, MD 20850

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 333 Casey Ln, Rockville, MD 20850 . By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 20, 2009, and recorded in Liber 38813 at Page 270 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $557,844.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **October 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 04-03338365

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293792.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
4006 Denfeld Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 4006 Denfeld Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated June 7, 2018, and recorded in Liber 56298 at Page 25 among the land records of the **County of Montgomery**, in the original principal amount of $651,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **October 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 13-01260037

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 21-289183.

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**12503 CARLAND PL.
LAUREL, MD 20708**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 16, 2004, recorded in Liber 20464, Folio 750 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $261,600.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 24, 2023 AT 10:39 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $35,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 29642-1)

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**6918 HANOVER PARKWAY, UNIT 200
GREENBELT, MD 20770**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 27, 2016, recorded in Liber 38806, Folio 472 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $112,917.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 24, 2023 AT 10:41 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and described as Condominium Unit Numbered 6918-200 in the subdivision known as, PHASE ELEVEN HUNTING RIDGE CONDOMINIUM and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 333833-3)

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**10401 BALSAMWOOD DR.
LAUREL, MD 20708**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 13, 2005, recorded in Liber 22181, Folio 367 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $304,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 24, 2023 AT 10:37 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $46,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 349150-3)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**2110 CATSKILL ST.
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Paula L. Payne and Paulette Lawann Payne dated March 15, 1996 and recorded in Liber 10681, folio 218 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 24, 2023 AT 10:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #12-1236926.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 21-000714-MD-F-1.

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**11302 GLEN DALE RIDGE RD.
GLENN DALE, MD 20769**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 1, 2007, recorded in Liber 27507, Folio 666 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $613,600.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:32 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $40,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 361899-1)

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 17, 2005, recorded in Liber 25512, Folio 374 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $199,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:34 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit Eight A in the condominium known as "Phase 8, The Oaks at Sixty-Fifth Condominium II" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $14,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 207422-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**217 DATELEAF AVE.
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 4, 2007, recorded in Liber 28505, Folio 464 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $65,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:28 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362859-1)

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**7252 DONNELL PL., UNIT #A2
DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 27, 2006, recorded in Liber 24596, Folio 477 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $76,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit No. 7252-A-2 in HOLLY HILL CONDOMINIUM and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 345082-3)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**6612 MCCORMICK RD.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 30, 2009, recorded in Liber 31300, Folio 490 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $413,374.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:22 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $44,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 176712-2)

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**6825 MIDDLEFIELD TERR.
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 5, 2007, recorded in Liber 27435, Folio 560 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $315,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:26 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 363561-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

4217 KINMOUNT RD.
LANHAM, MD 20706

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Bernadette M. Short and Benjamin L. Short dated December 21, 2006 and recorded in Liber 26918, folio 172 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:12 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #20-2172666.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $36,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-000422-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

11505 GLISSADE DR.
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Ronald S. Ransom, Jr. dated July 26, 2016 and recorded in Liber 38650, folio 415 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:10 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #05-0294843.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $29,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-000237-MD-F-2.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

3138 BRINKLEY RD., APT T3
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Tapiwa Gwaze dated October 24, 2018 and recorded in Liber 41595, folio 471 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:08 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and described as UNIT LETTERED AND NUMBERED T-3 IN BULDING NUMBERED EIGHT (8), OF A PLAT ON CONDOMINIUM ENTITLED "HUNTCREST CONDOMINIUM" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #12-1333764.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 23-000279-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

10110 WOODVIEW DR.
BOWIE, MD 20721

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Aliya Y. Canton dated December 29, 2011 and recorded in Liber 33256, folio 390 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:04 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #13-3026119.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $45,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002172-MD-F-1.

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6906 BUCHANAN ST.
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20784

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Francis B. Campbell dated April 24, 2008 and recorded in Liber 29643, folio 214 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:02 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #02-0168310.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001868-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9226 LIMESTONE PL.
COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Gloria Rubio and Carlos Lazo Reyes dated June 9, 2006 and recorded in Liber 25722, folio 687 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #21-2327229.
The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.
If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 21-000147-MD-F-1.
The property will be sold subject to a 120 day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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7923 MANDAN ROAD, UNIT 679
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to RICHARD T. CREGGER, Trustee(s), dated August 14, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 25835 , folio 241 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

OCTOBER 23, 2023 at 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NUMBER 679, IN A HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIME KNOWN AS "GREENBRIAR CONDOMINIUM - PHASE III" ESTABLISHED BY A CONDOMINIUM DECLARATION RECORDED APRIL 21, 1977 IN LIBER 4750, FOLIO 774, AS AMENDED BY DECLARATION RECORDED JUNE 17, 1997 IN LIBER 4775, FOLIO 474, AND AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "GREENBRIAR CONDOMINIUM - PHASE II", RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK NLP 96 PLATS 93 THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND TOGETHER WITH THE FACILITIES AND OTHER APPURTENANCES OF SAID UNIT, WHICH UNIT AND APPURTENANCES HAVE BEEN MORE SPECIFICALLY DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION AFORESAID, AND INCLUDING THE FEE IN AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF SAID REGIME APPURTENANT TO SAID UNITS AS SUCH INTEREST IS SET OUT AND DEFINED IN THE SAID DECLARATION AS THE SAME MAY BE LAWFULLY REVISED OR AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

Said property is subject to a prior mortgage.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $3,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 6% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (19-15617)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

110 AUTUMN LAKE WAY
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 23, 2001, recorded in Liber 14956, Folio 298 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $218,732.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:36 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 316069-4)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

2306 GREEN GINGER CIR.
ACCOKEEK, MD 20607

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 3, 2005, recorded in Liber 22690, Folio 258 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $436,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:38 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $36,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 353453-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**2529 BUCK LODGE RD.
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20783**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 9, 2007, recorded in Liber 29343, Folio 528 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $400,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:32 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $32,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 84278-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**13203 FOX BOW DR.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 14, 2009, recorded in Liber 31099, Folio 379 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $297,470.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:34 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356787-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**3832 ROCK SPRING DR.
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 18, 2019, recorded in Liber 43338, Folio 309 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $415,850.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:28 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $41,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355507-1)

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**5502 TRENT ST.
CLINTON, MD 20735**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 13, 2016, recorded in Liber 38861, Folio 326 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $266,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:30 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $24,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356296-2)

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**5007 BOYDELL AVE.
OXON HILL, MD 20745**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2006, recorded in Liber 29483, Folio 468 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $247,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 54207-1)

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**7720 WILLOW HILL DR.
LANDOVER A/R/T/A HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 15, 2003, recorded in Liber 17420, Folio 165 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $191,173.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:26 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $13,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 342604-4)

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**11413 ROSEDALE LN.
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 7, 2004, recorded in Liber 19690, Folio 707 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $138,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $9,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359374-1)

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**2308 ROMNEY CT.
LANDOVER, MD 20785**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 6, 2022, recorded in Liber 47844, Folio 193 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $280,721.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:22 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $28,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 361411-1)

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**6817 JAMES FARMER WAY
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 5, 2010, recorded in Liber 31678, Folio 546 and re-recorded in Liber 42852, Folio 93 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $90,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:14 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $6,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 353555-1)

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**3520 GOLDEN HILL DR.
BOWIE, MD 20721**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2006, recorded in Liber 28526, Folio 561 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $412,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $40,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 352065-1)

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**5010 WHEELER RD.
OXON HILL, MD 20745**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2006, recorded in Liber 24783, Folio 46 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $252,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 360531-1)
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**4306 SHELL ST.
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 14, 2007, recorded in Liber 28048, Folio 679 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $270,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 11:12 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.
The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.
Terms of Sale: A deposit of $13,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 334397-1)
Howard N. Bierman, Carrie M. Ward, et. al.,
Substitute Trustees

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851 Prince Georges County

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
**7213 HUCKLEBERRY CT
Clinton, MD 20735**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to CAROL R. LEET, Trustee(s), dated December 15, 2005, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 24080 , folio 151 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,
OCTOBER 23, 2023 at 9:45 AM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT 26 BLOCK BB, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT OF CORRECTION, PLAT ELEVEN , SUMMIT CREEK", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK 160, PLAT NO. 77

Said property is subject to a prior mortgage.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $5,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 10.88% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (21-05133)

JOHN ANSELL, JEREMY B. WILKINS,
ROBERT A. OLIVERI, AMANDA DRISCOLE,
PAUL HEINMULLER,
Substitute Trustees

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
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856 Frederick County

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11350 McCormick Road, EP 1, Suite 302
Hunt Valley, MD 21031
470-321-7112

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
**2410 ELLSWORTH WAY, UNIT 2B
FREDERICK, MD 21702**

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated June 16, 2008, and recorded in Liber 7013, folio 0553, of the land records of **FREDERICK COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $193,857.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 ON,
OCTOBER 24, 2023 at 10:15 AM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 02-186144

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $16,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.250% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-104114)

KEITH YACKO, DAVID WILLIAMSON,
BRYSON STEPHEN, THOMAS GARTNER,
Substitute Trustees

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300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Oct 5,12,19 2023 0012434894

852 Anne Arundel County

Samuel I. White, P.C.
448 VIKING DRIVE, SUITE 350
VIRIGINA BEACH, VA 23452

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
**1712 Shady Side Drive
Edgewater, MD 21037**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to LARRY RICE, Trustee(s), dated May 24, 2002, and recorded among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 12561, folio 144, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,
OCTOBER 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOTS 3461, 3462 AND 3463, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "SECOND MAP OF WOODLAND BEACH, DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, SHEET NO. 2", NOW RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, IN PLAT BOOK 8 FOLIO 13, SAID LOTS BEING LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SHADY SIDE DRIVE, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A PRIOR MORTGAGE. IF AVAILABLE THE AMOUNT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF THE SALE

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 8.125% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.
The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (79136)

Robert A. Jones, et al SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

A181, A316, A311, A183, A425, A426, A461, A463, A508

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

**James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs**

v.

**Robert Joseph Chapin AKA
Robert J Chapin
Defendant(s)**

**Civil No.
C-16-CV-23-002629**

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)
ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **18 day of September, 2023,** that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **500 69th St, Capitol Heights, MD 20743** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$117,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #769

Orlans 23-003381

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436418

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

**James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiffs**

v.

**Estate of Larry D. Taylor AKA
Larry Dehaven Taylor
Defendant(s)**

Civil No. C-16-CV-23-000586

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)
ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, **this 18 day of September, 2023**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **13948 King George Way #334, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Christine M. Drexel and Joanna Foronda, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **18 day of October, 2023**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023.** The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$228,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court #769

Orlans 22-008771

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

**KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**DORETHA V JOHNSON, et al,
Defendants.**

Case No. C-16-CV-23-000197

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **3 day of October, 2023**, that the sale of the property in this case, **4805 WHITFIELD CHAPEL ROAD LANHAM, MD 20706**, reported by Jennifer Deardorff, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **3 day of November, 2023**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in Prince George's County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **3 day of November, 2023**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$145,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk #769

Oct 5,12,19 2023 0012438025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
**Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)**

V.

**Estate of Aisha S Washington
6978 Hanover Parkway,
Unit 201
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Defendant(s)**

Case No. CAEF22-26713

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given this **18 day of September, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland that the sale of **6978 Hanover Parkway, Unit 201, Greenbelt, MD 20770**, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **18 day** of **October, 2023**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted The Washington Post in a daily newspaper printed in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the **18 day of October, 2023**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$135,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland #793

Sep 21,28,Oct 5 2023 0012436429

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees**

Versus

**Christina Marie Lubunyz
Defendant**

No. C-02-CV-19-002238

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **Thursday, September 28, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by William M. Savage, et al., BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30th day of October 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **30th day of October 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **911 MEADOWBROOK ROAD, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061** to be **$286,260.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, MD

Oct 5,12,19 2023 0012437658

853 Calvert County

Brock and Scott, PLLC
5431 Oleander Drive
Wilmington NC, 28403

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
**4010 Sixes Rd
Prince Frederick, MD 20678**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to , Trustee(s), dated December 31, 1969, and recorded among the Land Records of CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 5644 , folio 748 , 07/15/2020 the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,
OCTOBER 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF AFORESAID PUBLIC ROAD LEADING FROM BOWENS TO MUTUAL ON DIVISION LINE BETWEEN THE LAND OF ROSE L. HOOPER AND THE LAND HEREBY INTENDED TO BE CONVEYED, AND RUNNING WITH THE SAID HOOPER'S LAND AND NORMAN A. BOWEN'S LAND IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, 74 YARDS TO A STONE, THENCE RUNNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, 15 YARDS TO A STONE, THENCE RUNNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, 65 YARDS TO A STONE PLANTED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF A ROAD LEADING FROM THE PUBLIC ROAD AFORESAID TO BATTLE CREEK, THENCE WITH THE SAID ROAD IN NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, 65 YARDS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING THREE-QUARTERS OF AN ACRE (3/4), MORE OR LESS. IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AS 4010 SIXES ROAD, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $19,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.875 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. Sale is subject to the attestation by the Borrower in accordance with Section 5.A of the Governor's order of 10.16.2020 . File No. (22-02247)

JOHN ANSELL, JEREMY B. WILKINS,
ROBERT A. OLIVERI, AMANDA DRISCOLE,
PAUL HEINMULLER, JOHN C. HANRAHAN,
KRISTOPHER HAWKINS,
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852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**Richard E. Solomon, et al.
Substitute Trustees**

Versus

**Shawn Brady
Defendant**

No. C-02-CV-23-000181

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **Thursday, September 28, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Richard J. Rogers, BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **30th day of October 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **30th day of October 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **8725 AUTUMN RIDGE COURT, ODENTON, MD 21113** to be **$297,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, MD.

Oct 5,12,19 2023 0012437665

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees**

Versus

**Sheryl K. Barnes, AKA
Sheryl Barnes
Defendant**

No. C-02-CV-23-000660

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **Thursday, September 21, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Christine M. Drexel, BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **23rd day of October 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **23rd day of October 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **3 SILVERWOOD CIRCLE, 2, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403** to be $**234,951.91**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, MD

Sep 28,Oct 5,12 2023 0012436726

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitite Tristees**

Versus

**Michael Anthony Murphy and
Amy L Murphy AKA
Amy Lynne Murphy
Defendants**

No. C-02-CV-23-000798

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **Thursday, September 21, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Christine M. Drexel, BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **23rd day of October 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **23rd day of October 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **449 CLEVELAND RD, LINTHICUM, MD 21090** to be **$269,537.66**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, MD.

Sep 28,Oct 5,12 2023 0012436728

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**Richard E. Solomon, et al.
Substitute Trustees**

Versus

**Michael K. Moody
Defendant**

No. C-02-CV-23-001103

NOTICE
Notice is hereby issued this **Thursday, September 21, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by Kevin Hildebeidel, BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **23rd day of October 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **23rd day of October 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **388 FOURTH AVENUE, GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND 21061** to be **$278,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, MD.

Sep 28,Oct 5,12 2023 0012436730

855 Charles County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Diane Rosenberg, et al.
4340 East West Highway,
Suite 600
Betheda, MD 20814
**Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff(s)**

V.

**Joshua E Dudley
12 Mattingly Avenue
Indian Head, MD 20640
Defendant(s)**

Case No. C-08-CV-23-000052

NOTICE
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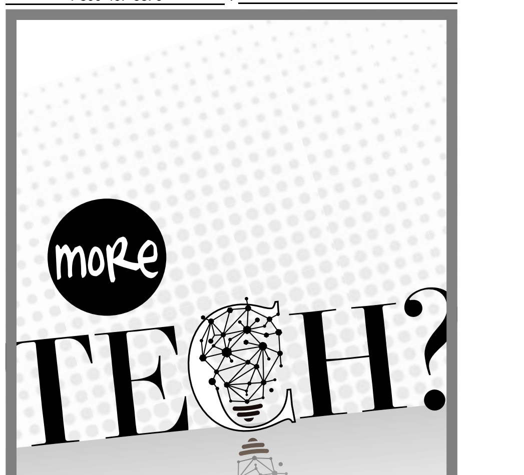
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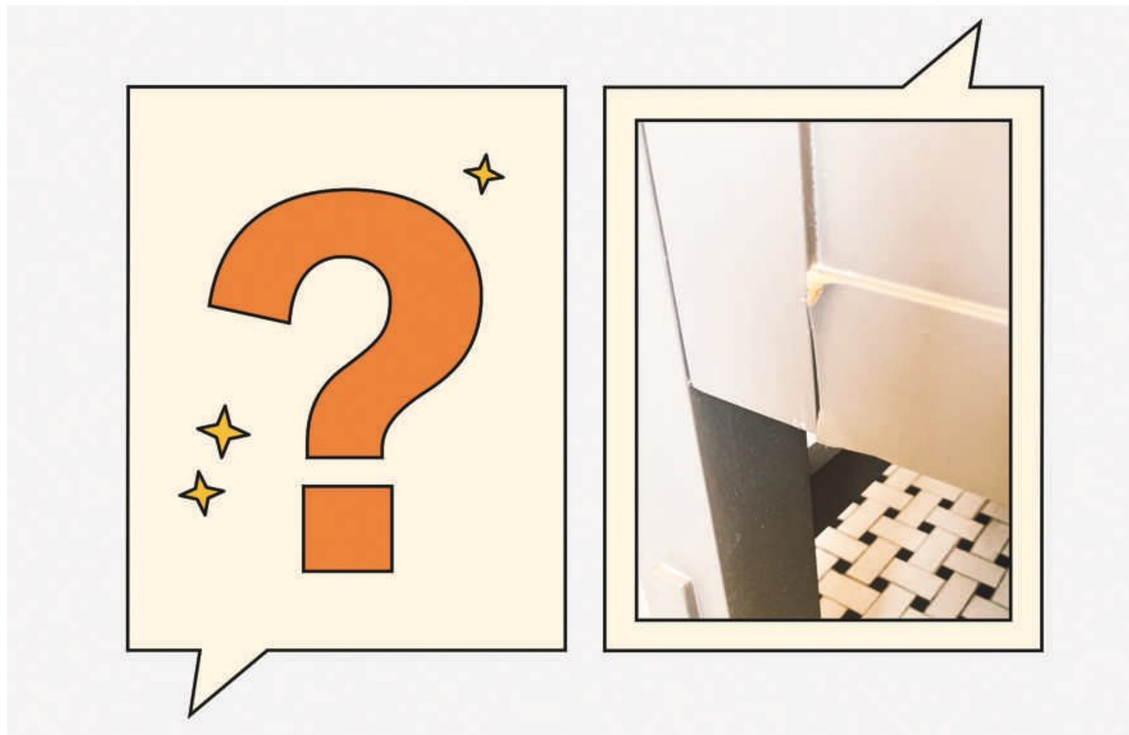
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HOW TO

Can I repair peeling veneer on a bathroom vanity?

BY JEANNE HUBER



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Q: The veneer on our bathroom vanity is separating where water drips down. Is there a way to fix this?

A: Unfortunately, there is no easy or sure way to repair the damage to your vanity. Like many other furniture and cabinet pieces these days, it's made of a type of particleboard wrapped in a thin layer of vinyl. Known as thermofoil, this veneer is thinner and more flexible than the plastic laminate that's been used for decades on cabinets built of particleboard or plywood.That kind — known as high-pressure laminate because of the process used to make it, or by an early brand name, Formica — has to be glued on, and it's suitable for only flat or gently curving surfaces.

Thermofoil costs less and offers more design options, so it's found on more pieces these days. The vinyl is thin, so when manufacturers heat it and put it in a vacuum press, the laminate conforms to even intricate shapes that a computer-controlled milling machine cut into the underlying particleboard, usually a type known as medium-density fiberboard, or MDF. This means thermofoil cabinets or furniture can resemble frame-and-panel construction or even bead board, features once possible only with high-end cabinets and furniture made of natural lumber.

If delamination occurs with high-pressure laminate, it's usually limited to the thin strips that cover edges. If the laminate on a larger surface, such as a door front, comes loose, it lifts up as a flat piece. Thermofoil is much more susceptible to delaminating or bubbling up, especially when exposed to heat. Problems often show up on cabinets over a coffee maker or toaster, or next to an oven.On a vanity, an edge near a hair dryer runs is especially vulnerable. It's relatively easy to reattach high-pressure laminate or thermofoil with contact cement, provided the underlying surface isn't damaged or distorted.

But the underlying problem with your vanity — and with many thermofoil cabinets and even some laminate cabinets — isn't with the veneer as much as it is with the particleboard underneath. Particleboard consists of randomly arranged wood fibers, glued together and pressed into flat sheets. Because the fibers are wood, they swell when they absorb moisture. But unlike with natural wood, which shrinks back when it dries, particleboard that swells never goes back to its original shape because of the random orientation of the wood strands. (Plywood is less susceptible to permanent damage.)

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Swollen particleboard is very difficult or even impossible to repair, so it's likely you will need to replace the vanity if you don't want to live with how it looks now. But before you invest in that, you might try this.

First, gently pull back the thermofoil as far as it easily gives way. Do not force it or the plastic might snap off. With a sharp chisel, gradually pare away the wood fibers that are bulging out. Have two hands on the chisel, with one pushing forward and the other guiding the cut and acting as a break so you don't lose control and cut more than you want. If you are right-handed, your right hand will be the pusher, in the back, and your left hand will be the guide, positioned at the front of the chisel, close to its cutting edge but behind it so you don't get cut. Starting at a side edge of the damaged piece, pare in circular motions toward the end of the bulge. Take off only a thin layer at each pass. If you are lucky, you may be able to trim off all the swollen particleboard without nicking the laminate.

If you succeed, spread contact cement over the plastic and the section of particleboard where the laminate lifted. Dap Weldwood original contact cement ($2.99 for 0.67-ounces at Michaels) comes in a little tube with an applicator tip, but have a small disposable paintbrush handy to smooth the glue evenly over both surfaces. They should look glossy. Wait about 15 minutes for the glue to dry enough to become tacky. Then press the plastic back into place. It will bond instantly wherever the two surfaces meet, so to avoid a bubble, press the lifted section in place starting from where the veneer is still attached toward an outside edge. No clamps are needed. If this doesn't work and you decide to replace the vanity, look for something other than thermofoil.

Even some companies in the business of selling thermofoil cabinets and furniture estimate the life span at only 10 years, in part because it is so difficult to repair. Bathrooms are one of the most frequently remodeled spaces in a house, but the job shouldn't need to be done that often.

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Fall garden tasks make for a smoother spring



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Keep trees healthy by pruning diseased branches — but don't compost them after.

BY KAREN HUGG

With cooling temperatures and rainier weather, fall gives us a new set of tasks in the garden. Raking leaves and planting bulbs are often at the top of the list, but some less obvious chores add a few last touches of beauty to the garden while preparing it for spring. Here are seven to focus on before winter arrives.

Remove diseased material

Extreme heat, humidity, and drought can increase a plant's susceptibility to black spot, anthracnose, and other diseases. They spread when rain runs down infected plants, so it's important to clean up leaves, branches and seedpods on the ground near them. This will prevent a harder-to-control epidemic come spring.

Steve Lambert, owner of Lambert Treescapes and a certification director at the International Society of Arboriculture, says there are common signs to look for to determine if a disease is present. "Dieback in the crown of the tree, oozing sap or pitch, or foliar damage can be indications of disease." Also, look for dark spots, white powder or unusually crinkled leaves. In cases where the tree shows extreme signs of distress, call an ISA-certified arborist for advice.

If an arborist isn't in your budget, then rake any leaves and branches you suspect are unhealthy. When nearby perennials seem affected, cut those back. Toss everything in a closable lawn bag or bin. Then wipe your rake, trowel or pruners with isopropyl alcohol to reduce the spread of spores or bacteria.

Prune dead wood

Certain diseased plants, usually trees and shrubs, may hold on to their afflicted leaves or branches. If you see curled, wilted or browned leaves on a branch, cut away that branch. Afterward, safely burn it or put it in the yard waste bin for pick up. You don't want to compost diseased material, as your compost pile may not get hot enough to kill the spores. Again, clean tools afterward.

If a tree or shrub has been showing leafless gray branches for weeks, that often means those branches are dead. It's a good idea to prune those away. "Removing dead tree branches, back to the branch collar, can assist a tree's natural ability to close off wounds," Lambert says. "It can also improve aesthetics, increase light and airflow, and reduce potential hazards from falling branches."

A strong winter wind storm can crack weakened or dead branches and cause them to break and fall, sometimes from great heights. They can severely damage shrubs or small trees below. In worst-case scenarios, they can fall on a car or home.

To identify a dead branch, you can prune off a small piece and check the ring of wood. If it's brown with no visible ring of green, it's probably a goner. Prune that from the tree, making sure to cleanly cut at the branch collar. If the branch is too high to be accessible, hire an arborist.

Pull blooming weeds

Pulling weeds, especially blooming ones, can also prevent disease and destruction in the garden. Chickweed, hairy bittercress and ragweed can all set seed in fall. Also, a single dandelion casts up to

200 seeds per flower, so digging it out prevents hundreds of potential new weeds the following spring.

Garden designer Erin Lau of Erin Lau Design recommends focusing on field bindweed and common catsear. These "are worth digging out entirely to prevent spreading by seed in spring," she says. With a hori hori or trowel, loosen the plant from the soil and gently lift it out without breaking the roots. If you don't have time to dig out the weeds, cut or pluck off seed heads wherever you can. Then carefully and quickly put them in a nearby bin so you don't jostle and accidentally spread seeds.

Mulch

Remember, weeds usually don't sprout if they don't have sunlight. After clearing diseased material and pulling weeds, mulch the soil to tamp down any remaining seeds or disease spores. Compost or finely shredded bark works well. You can use ground-up leaves, but you want to be sure those leaves are disease-free. Regardless of material, apply a couple inches to form a natural blanket over your growing space. Don't mulch too deeply because that deprives roots of needed water and oxygen.

Another reason to mulch is to prevent the ground from freezing around tender roots. If you planted a marginally hardy vine or young tree sapling this summer, mulch will help insulate it from winter cold and preserve nutrients in the soil. Lambert says mulch also helps roots retain moisture. But he cautions to not put mulch directly against a tree's trunk. "This can trap excessive moisture, softening the tissue and increasing risk of disease and pest infestation."

Fill in bare spots

If you don't put desirable plants in bare spots in the garden, weeds will plant themselves. So, before kudzu, loosestrife and spurge take over your blank patches, plant plants. Take advantage of fall sales and buy discounted plants, then fill in gaps generously.

If you're not sure what you want in your empty spaces yet, Lau says you can cover them with grass clippings or a cover crop. Or you can plant ground covers in the short term. Creepers such as wild thyme, sweet woodruff and carpet bugle all form thick mats of greenery and can easily be transplanted if you find an option you like better.

Spread grass seed

Speaking of bare spots, if you have dogs, especially a young pup, you might find yourself with several areas of worn-out lawn. An active dog can easily tear up dry grass during a summer drought, so much so that you end up with large swaths of dusty dirt by September.

To prevent that dusty dirt from turning into muddy puddles in winter, generously sprinkle grass seed and lightly cover with peat or a fine loamy soil. Fall provides generous rain for those seeds to sprout. Don't forget to cordon off the newly planted areas. Short, inexpensive fencing that can be inserted in the ground will deter smaller dogs, while a taller, heavier option that hooks onto posts may be needed for bigger breeds.

You can also spread seed on your existing lawn to thicken and strengthen it. Lau says this is why it's important to rake leaves from turf. "Raking the fallen leaves off a lawn or ground cover will allow that area to get sun and air. Otherwise the leaves may kill the lawn below." Also, dense, healthy lawns are less susceptible to pet damage and sprouting weeds.

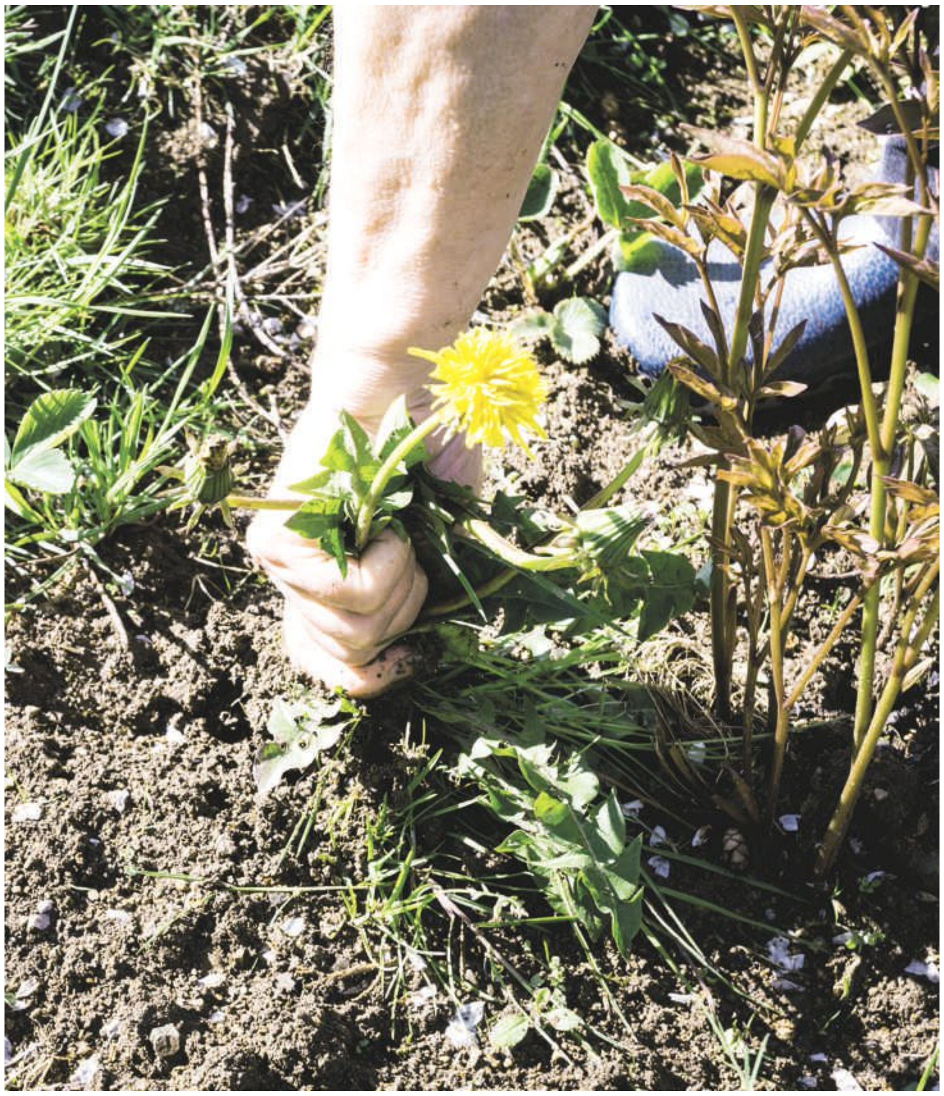
Protect spigots and drain hoses

Because water expands when it freezes, it can crack a pipe, hose or spigot. If your spigot is made of plastic and/or more than several years old, protect it from extreme temperatures with a foam faucet cover. If you live someplace with extra-harsh winters, you can tie rags around the spigots before adding the foam cover for extra protection.

Similarly, hoses need to be drained and stored in a garage or basement. Otherwise, long bouts of temperatures below 32 degrees can weaken or crack their casing, leading to leaks. Draining and storing your hoses can prolong their use by several years.

To drain, simply unscrew the hose and either straighten it out on a slope or, if you don't mind getting a bit wet, gently coil it and let the water flow out the bottom. You can even keep the large twist-ties hoses are often sold with to secure the coil and hang it in the garage. Come spring, you'll be headed to the garden instead of the hardware store.

Karen Hugg is a certified ornamental horticulturist and the author of "Leaf Your Troubles Behind: How to Destress and Grow Happiness Through Plants." She also writes for Wired, Shondaland and Thrive Global.



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One dandelion casts up to 200 seeds, so digging it up now saves a headache later.



If pets damaged your lawn, protect it by laying seeds now to help it thicken, which will make it more resilient. Prevent weeds in other areas by filling in empty spots. Creepers such as wild thyme and sweet woodruff form thick mats of greenery.

Should you pre-rinse dishes? We put expert advice to the test.

BY MARI-JANE WILLIAMS

There's all kinds of wisdom, advice and directives surrounding your home. Much of it, we take as gospel: Change your HVAC filter every three months. Clean your gutters at least once a year. Don't ignore signs of leaks.

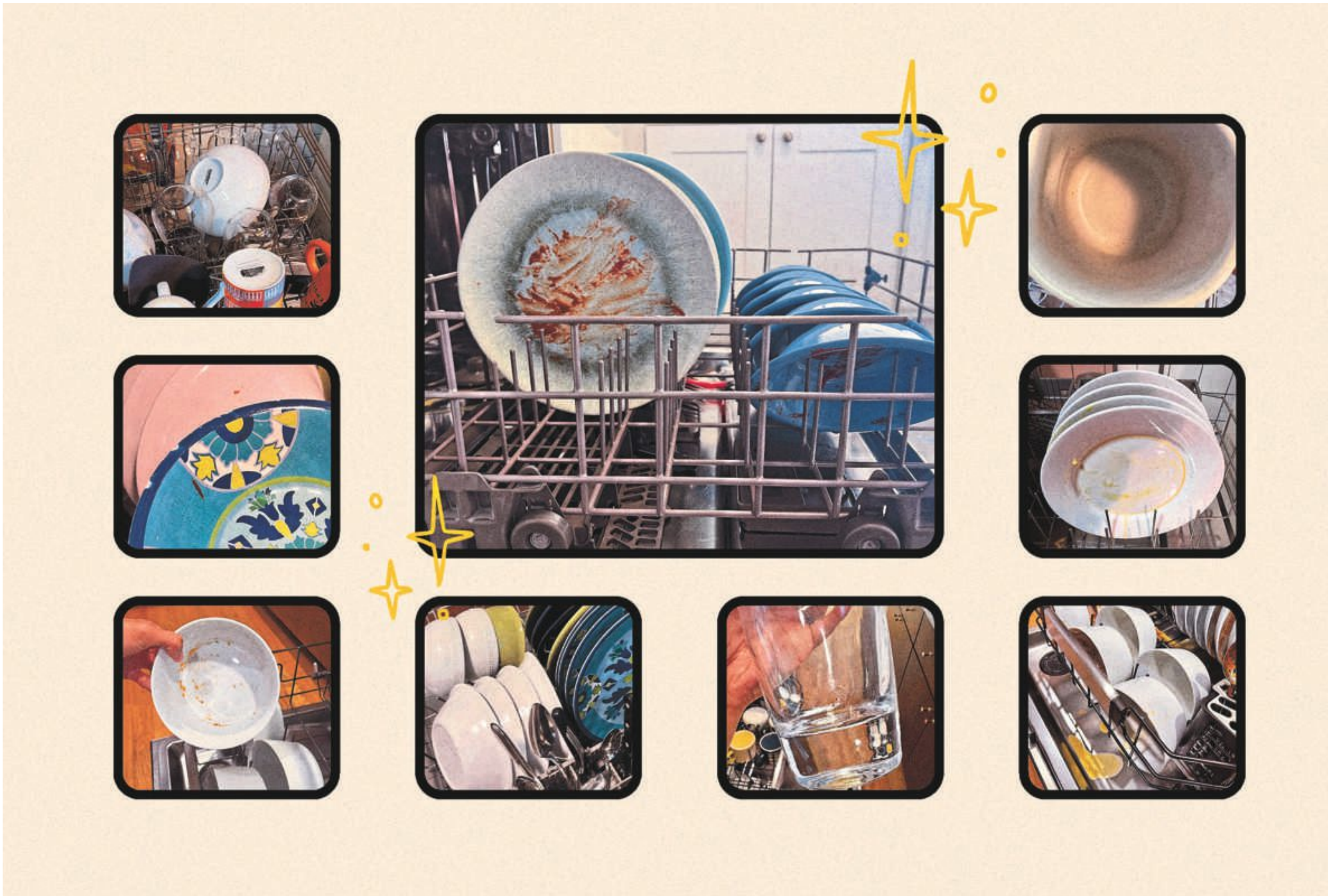
But when it comes to washing dishes, the conventional wisdom meets significant resistance.

Experts almost uniformly agree that dishes do not need to be rinsed — and, in fact, should not be rinsed — before going in the dishwasher, saying it wastes water and might make your machine operate less effectively. The Good Housekeeping Institute, which spent more than 374 hours over four months testing 17 dishwasher models loaded with the dirtiest dishes they could conjure, none of them pre-rinsed, confirms this advice.

"For the most part, they do really well," says Carolyn Forte, the institute's Home Care & Cleaning Lab executive director.

Despite the rigorous evidence, many of us, myself included, cannot stop rinsing. The suggestion that it's unnecessary provokes domestic disputes and perhaps disproportionate anger. "That's bulls---!" a colleague shouted when I mentioned that experts say pre-rinsing isn't necessary.

This fascinating disconnect warranted further study. Through testing and interviews, I found that there are many factors — logistical, psychological, personal, marital — that cloud the issue of dishwashing.



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Experts say you shouldn't pre-rinse your dishes, but many still do. We tested this and ran our dishwashers with and without pre-rinsing.

The test

In a small and completely non-scientific test, I asked co-workers to see how our dishes fared with and without rinsing. Two of us were pre-rinsers; two said they don't rinse, but their spouses do. We used the four dishwasher brands we have at home (Bosch, KitchenAid, GE and Whirlpool) with Cascade platinum plus detergent, which gets high marks from the Good Housekeeping Institute.

We all ran two loads. For the first, we each dirtied eight plates and six bowls with red sauce and egg; eight glasses and four mugs that had been filled with whatever liquids we had around, including coffee, milk and orange juice; and 15-25 pieces of used silverware. We did not rinse and ran a normal cycle. For the second, we repeated the formula, but gave everything a light rinse before running our machines. We evaluated the dishes after each load and also looked at the bottom of the dishwasher, near the drain, for food residue.

The results

Objectively, the results were slightly mixed and unremarkable.

Tester No. 1 (KitchenAid, with rinse aid) said that there was no difference between the loads. Both were spotless, which tracks with her typical experience.

Tester No. 2 (GE, no rinse aid) ended up with food residue on one of her glasses and a few dirty bowls in the unrinsed load. This tester suspected that the issue with the bowls may have been because those dishes were not facing the sprayer (further testing confirmed this).

Tester No. 3 (Whirlpool, with rinse aid) spotted a bit of tomato sauce residue in a mug, but otherwise, her dishes were pretty clean after the unrinsed and rinsed loads.

Tester No. 4 (me, Bosch, with rinse aid), observed a few specks of red sauce here and there, but otherwise didn't see much difference between the loads.

But the qualitative results of the test proved more interesting.

Tester No. 1 wasn't impressed with an experiment that confirmed her standard no-rinse practice. But she was pleased to have some evidence to show to her rinsing husband. It's a bit of a sore spot, she says, because she thinks he wastes a lot of water.

"Every time he rinses off the dishes, I say 'There's no need to do that, dear.' It is a point of contention," she says. "I get annoyed, but there's only so much you can do. You can't change the habits at this point."

For Tester No. 2, dishwashing is not just about whether the dishes will come out clean; the act of putting un-rinsed dishes into the machine provoked a visceral response.

"Loading the unrinsed dishes and silverware into the dishwasher was super gross!" she noted in her findings. "The runny eggs and tomato sauce dripped everywhere, getting onto my hands and puddling on the inside of the door." Touching all of that while she was loading — and the potential for smelliness if the dishes sit for a day or more in her household of two — make not rinsing a nonstarter for her, even after the testing showed she doesn't really need to rinse.

"A lot of times when we think of the advice for an appliance like that, people are thinking of the classic family of four, where they're running the dishwasher after every meal, and every meal is a sit-down meal," says KC Davis, who runs the online mental health site Struggle Care and wrote "How to Keep House While Drowning." The advice doesn't take into account small or busy households, she says. If you're not going to be washing the dishes immediately, Forte suggests running the rinse cycle on your machine (if it has one). It will loosen any tough dirt while still using less water than rinsing everything at the sink.

Tester No. 3 brought some personal history to the experiment. She grew up rinsing the dishes before loading, but after she read that it was unnecessary and that detergent works better when there's some food for it to adhere to, she changed her approach. Her husband, though, does rinse. So in any given load, some of the dishes have been rinsed, others have not. She plans to continue not rinsing.

"To me, the dishwasher is very much a tool that makes my life easier," she says. "I would say, like, every other load, there's a little piece of crud remaining on utensils, and I just put that in the sink and wash it by hand or put it back in the dishwasher for another round, but the overall batting record of the dishwasher is very high, and I have a lot of appreciation for it."

As for Tester No. 4, I saw the results — yet I'm still pre-rinsing. Why? Why does objectively correct dishwashing advice not impress so many of us?

Expert advice can go sideways in the real world

Cleaning advice has to be filtered through the tools and circumstances of our real lives. The advice to skip pre-rinsing assumes you are using a good detergent and a good machine — and that you're using the machine correctly.

That starts with your reading your manual (hahaha) to make sure you're using the right setting. "Normal," a frequent go-to cycle, has evolved into more of a light wash setting as dishwashers have become more energy efficient, Forte says. It's often best to use the "Auto" cycle, which senses how dirty the dishes are and adjusts accordingly (and in this case, she adds, pre-rinsing can work against you because the machine will sense that there's not

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much dirt and not work as hard).

The filter also needs to be checked and cleaned regularly, and you should use a dishwasher cleaner monthly to dissolve mineral buildup and flush the system. Plus how you load (or overload) your machine and where dishes are placed can affect the results, as Tester No. 2 found.

In addition to these logistics, we bring unquantifiable baggage to the question of rinsing dishes.

"It's been passed down," Forte says. "Dishwashers were one of the last appliances that people really embraced." That's because you could easily wash your dishes by hand, and it perhaps seemed inconceivable that a dishwasher could get them really clean. Previous generations came to see dishwashers more as sanitizers than actual cleaners. Newer models use much less water than older units (about three to four gallons for an Energy Star-rated appliance), making it even more difficult to believe that they can get the job done.

Davis suggests our obsession with rinsing may be rooted in our childhood memories. Many adults are young enough that they had a dishwasher growing up, but those models didn't have the elbow grease to do the heavy cleaning, so you did need to pre-rinse, she says. Kids being kids, though, they would look for shortcuts in their chores and perhaps skip the rinsing, only to have their parents yell at them.

"A lot of us have this core memory of it being a fight or a struggle in our house," she says.

Many people also carry baggage around cleanliness, Davis adds, seeing it as a reflection of their character. Good, upstanding adults, after all, keep a clean house. Or at least, that's what we're conditioned to think. So not rinsing still feels like taking the easy way out and carries the weight of guilt. "If it's too convenient we almost feel like we're not doing it right."

I know in my head that rinsing wastes water — an increasingly precious commodity — and time. This test proved that unrinsed dishes come out largely clean in my machine. The factors that can keep that from happening are entirely in my control. But we hand-washed dishes when I was a kid until we moved to a home with a dishwasher when I was in high school. That machine (and my mom) demanded that I rinse. While it wasn't a source of conflict, it did become routine, and old habits are hard to break.



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Dishes without rinsing in dishwasher. (Jura Koncius)

And loading dirty plates just doesn't track in my head — if I struggle to scrub off dried mac and cheese or oatmeal, how can a dishwasher knock it loose? Also, sometimes I don't get perfect results (likely because of a dirty filter or an overloaded machine, Forte suggests). It's easier to rinse stuff off before I run the cycle than deal with the hardened residue after it's gone through a cycle.

My non-rinsing colleague points out that if one or two items come out with a bit of crud on them, it's not that hard to hand wash them in the sink or let them run through another cycle. She's not wrong. But that's her, and I am me. We each bring our own history and personality and germ tolerance to the sink every time we run a load of dishes.

To the pre-rinse holdouts, including myself, I say it's worth trying to shake this habit. The environmental stakes are too high. But go easy on yourself if you end up rinsing spaghetti sauce off your plates out of habit, or if you absolutely must rinse those eggy forks before you touch the prongs during loading. And no one really expects you to read that manual.





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Branding agency Grafik named the Signet, a luxury apartment building in McLean. The agency also considered "Cygnet," which is a young swan, but decided to make the spelling more intuitive.

What's in a name? For new apartment buildings, quite a lot.

BY RACHEL KURZIUS

Real estate company Bozzuto had a specific mission in mind when it hired branding agency Grafik a few years back: Its new apartment building in Alexandria, Va. had a "rich and masculine feeling," recalls Hal Swetnam, Grafik's chief creative strategist, and Bozzuto needed a name to evoke that vibe.

Swetnam's team got to work, asking the client questions such as "What kind of music would you expect to hear in the lobby?" The brainstorm took a few weeks, which is typical. Among the possibilities Swetnam and his colleagues tossed around: the Stewart, the Algonquin, the Bronwyn.

"We joked one day that this would be where Frasier Crane would live," he says. Boom. They had it: the Frasier.

The process of naming a condo building in nearby McLean was similar. Its developer, JBG Smith, called on Grafik to craft a moniker that felt "high end" and "elegant." They wanted the name to conjure how it would feel to walk through the front entrance into luxury.

Grafik landed on the Signet, like the engraved ring. But they also considered a homophone of that word — cygnet, which is a young swan — "because there was a lot of talk about graceful animals," says Swetnam. Ultimately, they opted for the jewelry rather than the bird because the spelling seemed more intuitive. "You have to think that through," he says.

In real estate, names are serious business. Developers pay marketing and branding firms anywhere from $5,000 for just a name alone, to more than $50,000 for a complete branding package to sell a new building or community. At best, a good name differentiates a property from other offerings and generates excitement about what it might feel like to live there. At worst, a name can immediately date a new development or offend the surrounding neighborhood and potential residents.

A great name "has the highest return on investment of anything you will do to market any place because it's used over and over and over," says Dave Miles, president of Milesbrand, which does marketing for real estate developers and home builders. But naming is also "one of the most difficult things we do."

It has to be memorable but broadly appealing. Distinctive, yet easy to say and spell. You need to ensure that Googling the name will bring people directly to your website. And names are inherently subjective, so an entire team could work day and night on a series of options only for the client to shoot each one down for no reason other than they just don't like them.

And just as there are naming trends for restaurants (en vogue right now: two-word monikers connected by a plus sign), so, too, have particular conventions fallen in and out of favor in real estate.

"There are so many communities named Something Ranch or

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Something Farm. We don't need any more of those," Miles says. While he understands why a place might adopt the name of a physical attribute like a nearby river, "we've tried not to do that because that really is so generic."

On the flip side, you may have noticed a lot of "Districts" popping up as of late. Take, for instance, the "Reservoir District," the new name for a swath of D.C. land that's been under development — and mired in court fights — for years.

The land is home to the McMillan Reservoir, but in certain corners of the city, just the word "McMillan" raises blood pressures. So, when construction began, it was crucial to call it something else. Reservoir District "all of a sudden starts to convey a very different sense of what the future brings," says Bob Youngentob, executive chairman of EYA, one of the project's developers.

Rebranding a previously uninhabited area like the McMillan site is one thing. Trying to rename an entire neighborhood — particularly one whose residents feel like they're getting pushed out — is an entirely different undertaking.

When an apartment community called SOBO Place was announced in South Boston (a.k.a. Southie) in 2016, irate residents unleashed their vitriol — where else? — online. In Washington, the lampooning came swiftly a few years ago when a developer marketed buildings on a slice of the historic U Street Corridor as being located in "North End Shaw." And in New York, protesters descended on the office of a real estate agency trying to market part of Harlem as "SoHa."

Developers are smart to tread carefully around a place's history, which is why consultants like Megan Anderson often get pulled into the process. Anderson is the director of exhibits and interpretive planning at HAI. Developers hire her to amass information from land records, deeds, century-old fire insurance maps and old newspapers, in part because they hope something from an area's past will generate meaningful name ideas. "In deeds and things like that, we can find old family names and that can be really exciting, especially if it's a more rural property," she says.

But doing your homework can also thwart a public relations disaster. Lance Hayden, vice president of creative at the Brand Guild, says as a rule of thumb, he is extremely wary about naming a project after "somebody who had a ton of land in the 1700s."

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>
> **Dave Miles,** president of real-estate marketing firm Milesbrand

He recalls one developer who was intrigued by Notley Young, a wealthy landowner whose property along the Potomac River is now the site of the National Mall. Hayden's client was considering a number of Young's children and grandchildren's names for the new building. But it didn't take much digging for the Brand Guild team to discover that Notley's land was a tobacco plantation, worked by more than 200 enslaved people. The developer wisely moved on.

Names, after all, can cause very real pain. Maxine Bryant, director for the Center of Africana Studies at Georgia Southern University, wrote an opinion piece for the Savannah Morning News earlier this year calling for residential areas to remove the word "plantation" from their names.

When she was buying a house two years ago in Savannah, "there were several homes that I really liked in gated communities that were named 'plantation' — I wouldn't even visit them," she says in an interview. "As a Black person, I cannot live in a community called plantation. … Using that name to describe a community could very well be intentional to keep some people out."

While the connotations of "plantation" are obvious, most words are more debatable, which makes the process of naming complicated. Hayden recalls a time he worked with a developer on a series of buildings named after musical terms. For the fourth one, his team offered the word "Canon." But the client balked, thinking it conjured images of war and violence rather than a compositional technique.

"We're putting forth names that we think appeal to the building's audience, to other people in the region," says Hayden, but "oftentimes, it just comes down to whether or not the developer likes the name."

Still, there are some tricks that branding folks have devised to give their favorite names the best chance. When presenting options to a client, Miles likes to share his personal pick third: "Show them something maybe a little more expected, show them something a little scary, and then show them something that's at the top of the list."

It's an effective strategy, he says: "I've been known to sway the room."



Your house's history is waiting to be found

BY GABE BULLARD



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Marilyn Welch is an authority on the history of her town, Mascoutah, Ill. She knows where the only Sears Roebuck house is. She can point out which of the many Victorian homes was designed by the influential American architect George Barber. She even knows how much my parents' house cost to build ($1,250 in 1895). But there's one question she gets over and over again from visitors to the town's museum.

"People come in and say, 'I live at such and such — do you know if anyone ever died in that house?'" she says.

Her usual response: "Well, yes, they probably did."

Any house that's been around long enough has probably hosted at least one death, and potentially a birth.

In her decades researching and writing, Welch has dug into the history of many houses. She hasn't found money stashed in the walls ("they always think there's something hidden," she says of sleuthing homeowners) but she has found information that adds a different kind of value — not just the knowledge of when a house was built and who lived there, but a sense of *how* people lived in a place and a time. "The house has seen everything," she says. "All the secrets of the family. Good times and bad times."

Uncovering this history is something like a treasure hunt, with twisting trails of documents and countless wrong turns. To keep going means believing there's something to find, even if it's not a ghost, a safe full of silver coins or a document that gets your address on the National Register of Historic Places.

"When somebody calls you to have you look up the history of their house, it's because there's maybe a famous person associated with it," says Audrey L. Elder, a former real estate agent who researches local history around her Missouri town. "I let them know that there's gonna be something wonderful … It might not be that."

Start with a legal and physical history

You're probably going to have to leave your home to learn its history. Even in places where documents are digitized, the physical county courthouse can be a trove of information.

Documents may be stored across several offices, so it's a good idea not to get too specific when you start asking around. "Playing dumb is actually very useful in these situations," says Michael Allen, a historian and executive director of the National Building Arts Center. "It's better to be like, 'Hey, I'm just researching my house and I don't know anything.'"

A courthouse's archive of deeds will show who owned a property and when. Depending on the age of the house, this information might be on a computer, paper or microfilm. Certain houses have collections of documents called abstracts that "go all the way back to that land patent when it was purchased from the federal government," Elder says.

Of course, not all of your home's past residents were necessarily owners. To find renters and other tenants, you can ask a library for historic phone books or, if they exist, copies of the city directory. "It'll show you if they owned it or if they rented it and it'll usually also show you where they worked," Elder says.

If you've traced your home back to the dirt, then it's time to trace its construction and any renovations. Deeds sometimes reveal improvements to a house — what's bought as a single story in 1900 might be two stories when it's sold in 1920 — but the specifics of changes beyond that can be "a needle in a haystack hunt," Allen says. There's almost certainly not a repository of every blueprint for every house in your county. Often, there aren't blueprints at all. "If you have a historic 19th-century rowhouse in any American city, chances are there was no architect involved — the contractor designed the building on-site and built it," Allen says. If you are lucky enough to find an architect's name associated with your house, you can check if they donated their papers to a library or school.

If your courthouse has an archive of building permits, you might be able to find records of renovations or additions, but it's not guaranteed; many older records have been thrown out and permits may not have been required for construction in certain places or times.

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> **Louisville resident Gray Smith**
> said of houses

Another place to check for changes to your property is on historic maps. The Library of Congress has an archive of Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, which show where buildings stood, what they were made of, and reveal how street names and house numbers changed over time.

After a trip (or several) to the courthouse, you'll probably know roughly when your house was built and who owned it, but this is just the start of the search.

Go beyond deeds and maps

About 15 years ago, a very special visitor gave Gray Smith a tour of his own home in Louisville. Bessie Cross was in her early 90s, and she'd grown up in the house, which her parents bought in 1921.

"She got a little weepy and she pointed out where the piano used to be when her dad played it and where they put their Christmas tree," he says. "It was just a thrill to feel that, to have her back in that house, in those walls."

Smith knew a man named Herman Cross had owned his house for decades, but he learned about Herman's daughter Bessie through a combination of census and newspaper records. The National Archives hosts a searchable database of every census through 1950, while local libraries and sites such as *newspapers.com* host hundreds of small local papers.

"It's like a gold mine of information," Allen says. "They're not covering the big national news. They're covering the new bank building or the house that's getting built. They're covering the lives of people in much more depth than a metropolitan paper would."

A newspaper search doesn't need to be limited to names. Allen searched for his address in a newspaper archive and learned a past resident had been the owner of one of the first motorcars in St. Louis. "That's not super thrilling, but I thought it was interesting," he says. "That helped me figure out the garage was original."

Another source of information is someone like Bessie Cross. Firsthand interviews with people who lived in and around a house can turn up stories, memories and the occasional glimpse of what a house used to look like. "You find someone who lived in a house 30 years ago and they have an entire photo album with tons of great photos of the house," Allen says. A local historical society or neighborhood association may have similar artifacts. They are likely to have information on the surrounding community, too.

Smith consulted the archives at the University of Louisville to round out his research. "There was a grade-school teacher in the early '20s who gave an annual assignment to write about your street," he learned. "So I found a number of third-grade essays about life on Everett Avenue . . . and all the things that were happening in the early life of that neighborhood."

If you're totally lost and keep hitting dead ends, asking for help on relevant Facebook pages or Subreddits can be the digital equivalent of sending up a rescue flare. "You're looking for something on your building and you can't find it, but somebody who lived there 30 years ago gets a nostalgic hair and goes and looks for the address and they find that you are looking for something and then you start getting little details," Allen says.

Leave your own trail of records

Records for new buildings are more cleanly digitized today; new houses will have a long digital document trail for owners to find. Google Street View can show photos of addresses going back years. But this doesn't necessarily mean the people who live in your house a century from now will have an easier time learning about it.

Your thousands of digital photos are stored in private databases and shared on social media posts that are more likely to be forgotten than passed down like a photo album. Phone books are no longer a useful record of who lived where in between census years. Local newspapers are struggling to survive, let alone support the staff to cover the small comings and goings that give texture to the life outlined on deeds and building permits.

Smith compiled a book of his research — the things he found, the improvements he made. The process gave him a different perspective on the home and something to leave for the next owners. "You don't really own them," he says of houses. "You just have them for a while and then pass them along."

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These green beans are drying before they're stored. Seeds and beans need to be dried to preserve them for planting the next year. Even if they feel dry to the touch, they could still hold water, which may spoil them.

Save this year's seeds for next spring's garden

BY LAUREN DAVID

As the garden harvest season winds down, plants are starting to transition into their next critical stage: producing seeds for future use. Yes, you can order new seed packets each year from catalogues or hit up your local big box store for the latest varieties. But collecting the seeds of your favorite spent sunflowers, green beans or basil for next year is a fairly straightforward task that can help you save money and connect you to nature and the life cycle of each plant.

It can also ensure successful plants, because you're using seeds from specimens that have been proven to thrive in your yard. "When we save our own seeds over time, [they] become adapted to our unique microclimate," says Emily Murphy, regenerative organic gardener and author of "Grow Now: How We Can Save Our Health, Communities, and Planet — One Garden at a Time."

Here's what to know about collecting seeds, and how to preserve them for future use.

Know the type of seed

There are two types of seeds: open-pollinated and hybrid.

"Open-pollinated seeds derive from plants in which pollination occurs by insects, birds, wind, humans or other natural sources," says Julie Thompson-Adolf, author of "Starting & Saving Seeds: Grow the Perfect Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs, and Flowers for Your Garden." "Plants pollinated within the same species will produce seeds genetically true to type and that are similar to the parent plant." These make excellent candidates for saving because the seeds are reliable and produce the same plant each year.

Hybrids, on the other hand, have been cross-pollinated between two seed lines, often for specific traits, such as better taste, yield or disease resistance. Although you can save hybrid seeds, it isn't recommended because they are unpredictable. There is no way to know which characteristics will carry on to the next generation.

"There's going to be so much variation the second year when you plant hybrids," says Owen Taylor, co-founder of Truelove Seeds, a company specializing in open-pollinated herb, vegetable and flower seeds. Hybrids also can be infertile.

If you're not sure what type of seeds you used for your current garden, check the package if you still have it. The label should indicate whether it's open-pollinated or hybrid.

Choose your plants wisely

Not all seeds are created equally, even among a group of the same type of plant. "Choose plants that performed well in your garden throughout the season, produced big, beautiful, blemish-free fruit or pretty blooms, and avoided disease," says Thompson-Adolf.

And pay attention to seed size. "You're looking to take the biggest seeds because those will tend to perform better when you grow them the following year," says Thompson-Adolf.

Also consider the processing required for the type of plant you're working with. For some plants, including beans, brassicas, carrots, corn, lettuce and radishes, going to seed is the next stage in the life cycle. Preserving their seeds is known as dry processing and involves cutting seedpod stalks, drying them, separating the seeds from the rest of the plant and removing plant debris. Plants that produce seeds inside their fruit, on the other hand, including tomatoes, cucumbers and melons, require wet processing, which involves more steps, such as fermenting the seeds first. If you're a first-time seed saver, it's best to stick with dry processing, says Thompson-Adolf, because it's easier.

How to collect and dry seeds

The steps outlined here provide broad guidance. Different seeds, though, may require somewhat different treatment. For specific information about a particular plant, consult books on seed saving, university extensions or master gardeners in your region. Generally speaking, when a seedpod turns brown, it's an indicator the seeds are ready for collecting, says Taylor.

1. Cut the stalk housing the seedpod and lay it out to dry for a couple of days. "I'll take a stock of cabbage, kale or collards … with the dried seed pod and put them somewhere to dry out a little more in our basement, well-ventilated [area] or table around our porch, out of the direct sunlight," says Taylor.

For green beans, for example, Murphy says, "When they dry on the vine, they're this nice tan color, they're dry to the touch and feel kind of papery. At that point, clip them off the vine." She prefers to collect in the afternoon, once any lingering morning dew has evaporated.

2. Once the seedpod is dry, it's time to thresh, which is the process of separating the seeds from other plant material. Threshing can be done by using a bowl or bucket. Whack or bang the stem of the seed pod against the side of the container so the seeds come loose; the best seeds typically fall off readily, Taylor says. You can also place pods in a bag or pillowcase and carefully hit or toss them around so the seeds loosen. Adolf-Thompson says this works well for sunflowers. Wear gloves to protect your hands.

3. Next up comes winnowing, which is the process of separating the seeds from the chaff — a dry protective cover around a seed — and fluff. Milkweed pods, for example, have a lot of debris, Thompson-Adolf says, and need to be winnowed.

You can use a fan, or even puffs of breath, to blow away the debris, she says. Or filter seeds through a set of screens.

4. Let seeds dry out for a few more days before storing them.

How to store seeds

Store your seeds properly so they stay viable and don't become moldy or germinate. There are three words to keep in mind when choosing your location, says Thompson-Adolf: Cool, dry and dark.

After all, seeds are alive. "The seed wants nothing more than to perpetuate and bring new life into the world," says Taylor, so avoid humid environments and minimize light.

"Even if the seed doesn't need light to grow, light can affect the viability of a seed over time," Murphy says.

Envelopes and glass jars are the preferred methods for storing. Taylor saves seeds in glass jars, Murphy uses envelopes and Thompson-Adolf doubles up, putting the seeds in an envelope before placing it in a glass jar. Label the seeds so you know what you have when you're ready to sow. Include the variety, harvest month and year, and any special notes, such as how well it performed in terms of flavor or blooms.

And as with anything new, begin seed-saving slowly. "Start small," says Thompson-Adolf. "Pick a few plants to start with for seed saving so you don't get frustrated or overwhelmed."

Lauren David writes about gardening and sustainability.

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HOME OF THE WEEK

Once a stable, then an auto shop: D.C. home has a rich history

BY SOPHIA SOLANO

The house at 318 Seventh St. NE, on D.C.'s Capitol Hill, had a life before it became a home, and reminders of its recent past as an auto repair shop — after it was a buggy repair shop — were preserved when it was renovated early in this century. The brick structure, built in 1930, is on the market now for $1.35 million.

Mark Merlino, a builder and architect who has worked in the D.C. area for more than three decades, learned of the property, then being used as storage space for an adjacent building, in 2000. It had no electricity, water or sewer connections. It had recently been an auto repair shop, but a double barn door was a reminder of its time as a stable, carriage house and a repair shop for horse-drawn buggies in the mid-20th century.

Merlino saw the building's potential and bought it in 2003 for $200,000.

"That just comes to you," he said. "You don't get an opportunity to get many spaces that are as unique as that. It's a trapezoid [a four-sided figure with one pair of parallel sides] stuck in the middle of a triangular shaped block."

Merlino spent two years emptying the building, securing power and water supplies and drawing up plans for the interior, which included replacing a ladder to a hayloft with stairs to a second-floor living space. The auto repair shop's wooden hoist is an eye-catching presence at the second-floor landing, and exposed beams and compressed-air tubes are visible overhead.

A longtime renovator, Merlino made use of salvaged materials, from other work sites, in this renovation.

"Some of it I had for 15 years before I got a spot to stick them," he said. "And that was a good spot to stick stuff because nobody was complaining they didn't like it."

The reclaimed materials include handrails, now on the second-floor landing, from a site in Baltimore; closet doors from a garage in downtown D.C.; kitchen doors from a D.C. church; radiators on the second level; and a cast-iron whale that once embellished an oven at a Baltimore seafood restaurant and now decorates the fireplace mantel.

Merlino sold the property in 2017 for $1.17 million, and since then it has been an owner-occupied residence and a rental property. One owner was looking for an investment property and knew others would be more lucrative, but "fell in love with the character and history," real estate agent Kara Fenclau said.

A pale green front doorway opens to a foyer with a closet. A skylight, two stories up, is visible from the entrance. The living room has brick walls, painted white, and built-in shelving next to a fireplace. A full bathroom on this level has a claw-foot tub. The kitchen has a breakfast bar and glass-fronted cabinets with red trim. The dining room, with a built-in bench and matching table, has exposed brick on one wall.

Upstairs, the primary bedroom suite has three built-in closets and an en suite bathroom. Two more bedrooms on the second level share a hall bathroom. The house comes with a small patio, in front, on a lot that is taxed separately.

"If I owned the home myself," Fenclau said, "I would be caught between a rock and hard place of whether to use [the lot] for parking or to have a nice patio area to put up string lights and enjoy a drink at night."



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ABOVE: The house retains details from its time as an auto repair shop. LEFT: The kitchen has full-wall tiling. BELOW: The living room has exposed beams.

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318 Seventh St. NE, Washington, D.C. 20002

Bedrooms/bathrooms: 3/3

Approximate square footage: 2,000

Lot size: 973 square feet, plus 647 square feet for the patio

Features: The original structure was built in 1930 and converted to a residence in the early 2000s. In the meantime, it was, among other things, a repair shop for horse-drawn carriages and, in relatively recent years, an auto repair shop. It has four skylights, heated floors and parking for two cars.

Listing agent: Kara Fenclau, Nomadic Real Estate

BUYING NEW

Three- and four-level townhouses in Hyattsville

Gateway West

Address: 3601 Stella Blue Dr., Hyattsville, Md.

Builder: Stanley Martin

Type of home: Townhouse

Price: $464,990-$542,990

Number of units: 131 (95 sold, 36 available)

How many models: 3

Bedrooms: 2-5

Bathrooms: 3-6

Square footage: 1,611-2,615

HOA fees: $56 a month

Property website: *stanleymartin.com/maryland/washington-dc-metro/hyattsville/gateway-west*



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ABOVE: Gateway West has 131 units, with another 200 planned. LEFT: The kitchen of the Jenkins model unit has black fixtures. BELOW: The primary bathroom in the Jenkins model unit.

Features

Gateway West is a development of 131 three- and four-level townhouses in the small suburban city of Hyattsville, Md., in Prince George's County and less than 10 miles from downtown D.C.

Gateway West was built on undeveloped land less than a half-mile from the Mall at Prince George's and the Hyattsville Crossing shopping center. Tashia C. Mack-Moye, the general sales manager, said in an email that the development "stands out as a prime choice for young professionals and families seeking modern living in a revitalized neighborhood."

Sales of 131 townhouses began in January, and 95 units have been sold, with 36 still available. Construction of a second stage, which will add 200 townhouses, is expected to begin in January, with sales beginning in May 2024.

Gateway West has three townhouse models: The Hugo is 16 feet wide and has two to four bedrooms and a one-car garage; the Jenkins is 20 feet wide and has three or four bedrooms and a two-car garage; and the Louisa is 22 feet wide and has three to five bedrooms and a two-car garage.

All the townhouses have brick and vinyl siding, small front yards and rear decks off the second-floor, which is the main level. First-floor garages are at the front of the Louisa floor plan and the rear of the Jenkins and Hugo floor plans.

All units have an entrance that opens to a foyer on the first floor. In addition to a garage, on this level, the units have living space that can be used as a recreation room, a bedroom or a flex room. Some floor plans have a full bathroom or powder room on this level.

All units have luxury vinyl plank flooring in the first-floor living space, throughout the second floor and in the third floor hall. Carpet is standard on stairs and in bedrooms. Stairs can be upgraded to oak treads, and vinyl plank flooring is an option in bedrooms.

The second floor in all units has nine-foot ceilings and open-concept floor plans. Some layouts have powder rooms on this floor. Other floors have eight-foot ceilings.

The units have Kohler bathroom and kitchen fixtures, GE appliances and Timberlake maple cabinetry. Buyers have a choice of cabinet and tile colors. Options include a second-floor gas fireplace and a fourth-floor loft. A roof deck is part of the loft option in the Jenkins and Louisa units.

Kitchen

All units have kitchen islands with sinks and below-countertop dishwashers. They all have three-door refrigerators. The Jenkins and Louisa furnished model homes have an optional upgraded appliance package with a 36-inch gas cooktop and two wall ovens. The Hugo model has a slide-in 36-inch range that fits within the cabinets.

Appliances are stainless steel, backsplashes are white subway tile and countertops are lightly veined quartz. The Hugo model has white Shaker-style cabinets and nickel fixtures. The Jenkins model has white Shaker-style cabinets with black-finish fixtures. The Louisa has brown stained-wood cabinets and nickel fixtures.

Bathrooms

Buyers have a choice of bathroom layouts and fixture finishes. All full bathrooms have quartz countertops. The bathroom in the Jenkins and Louisa primary bedroom suites has a walk-in shower. The Hugo primary bathroom and all secondary bathrooms have shower-tub combinations. Most powder rooms have pedestal sinks.

The Hugo has one or two powder rooms and two or three full bathrooms. The decorated model has a powder room on the first and second floors, a hall bathroom and an en suite primary bathroom on the third floor and an en suite bathroom on the loft floor. The full bathrooms have white quartz countertops, white cabinets, chrome fixtures and a gray tile floor.

The Jenkins has one or two powder rooms and two or three full bathrooms. The decorated model unit has powder rooms on the first and second floors and a hall bathroom and an en suite primary bathroom on the third floor. The primary bathroom has a double-sink vanity and a walk-in shower with upgraded frameless glass.

The Louisa has one or two powder rooms and two to four full bathrooms. The decorated model unit has two powder rooms and three full baths. The powder rooms are on the second floor and the loft level. The first-floor full bathroom and the third-floor hall bathroom have shower-tub combinations, single-sink vanities and white subway tile shower surrounds. The primary bedroom on the third floor comes with an en suite bathroom with a walk-in shower and a double-sink vanity.

All bathrooms have white tile floors, quartz countertops and dark-stained wood cabinets that match those in the kitchen.

Parks

The development has a park with a playground, woodland-conservation areas and trails connecting Gateway West to surrounding neighborhoods. University Park Town Park is less than a mile away. Riverdale Community Park, on the northeast branch of the Anacostia River, and Kirkwood Neighborhood Park, on the northwest branch of the river, are each about two miles away.

Nearby shops and restaurants

The Mall at Prince George's and the Hyattsville Crossing shopping center are each about a half-mile away. Whole Foods on Baltimore Avenue in Riverdale Park and Trader Joe's on Calvert Road in College Park are each about a mile away. Organic Market in Hyattsville is about two miles away.

Schools

Elementary: University Park
Middle: Nicholas Orem
High: Northwestern

Transit

Hyattsville Crossing Metro station, on the Green Line, is half a mile away. The F6 Metrobus, which goes to the Metro station, stops at Belcrest and Toledo roads, a block away.

What sets it apart

Mack-Move said that the community offers "modern living in a revitalized neighborhood" and that buyers "are drawn to Gateway West for its transit-oriented convenience, fostering an urban lifestyle with easy access to D.C."

— Benjamin C Tankersley

Did my toddler learn threats from my abusive ex?

BY MEGHAN LEAHY

Q: My 3½-year-old son says things like "If you don't do X, I will throw you out of this house!" "If you don't give me this toy, I will break this house down!" when he is mad or frustrated. He will say this to me, grandparents, his cousin and aunt. We are his safe space, and he does not indulge in this behavior outside of home. But I believe it is deep-rooted. When I was in the same house as his father, who was narcissistic, verbally abusive and threatening, his father did the same things to me. He would threaten me if I questioned his actions or intentions, saying things like: "Since you have the audacity to talk to me like that, why don't you and the sick child drive yourself to the doctors appointment?" Even though my son was really small, could he have picked up on it? I am on my journey of healing from a bad marriage. But it is very shocking to me how children can take in so much from their surroundings. But maybe I am wrong. I want to hear what you have to say about this behavior, and how I can help my toddler transition out of this habit and move on to better behavior.



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A: I am sorry that you were in a relationship that made you feel so small, and I would like to congratulate you on getting out of it. Many people don't understand how insidious verbal abuse is or how an abusive partner can hold such sway over intelligent and capable adults. Even after you leave the abusive partner, the healing has only begun for everyone in the family, spouses and children alike.

First, you mention that you are on your own journey of healing and I could not have been happier to read that. While your son could have definitely picked up cues from his other parent, you are the one who needs the most immediate support. Why? You are one of the most important adults who need to co-regulate with your son to help him find his bearings. This means that when your son is feeling frantic, angry, panicked, frustrated and mad, you can meet his emotions with calm, centered, focused attention. Don't accelerate his emotions by punishing him, reasoning with him or shaming him, and don't downplay or try to stop his feelings by ignoring him, giving in to his demands, escaping him or becoming overly emotional yourself. Instead, because you are healing, focus on showing up for him in a way that is confident and calm.

This is of utmost importance because your son's nervous system is wired to feel safe (like every other child on earth), but has had the extra burden of watching an unsafe relationship between his parents. Even though you were the one who was threatened, it is like your son was threatened along with you. A young child isn't mature enough to say to themselves, "This is about them, not me." Everything is about a young child; it is developmentally typical.

So to your question, yes, your young child is likely reacting to what he has experienced at a very young age. "When witnessing intimate partner violence, they sense the threat and instinctively do what they need to do to feel safe," said my friend Laura Reagan, a psychotherapist specializing in trauma. "The memory of the danger they witnessed, and their helplessness to do anything about it, is held in their implicit (nonverbal) memory." She goes on to say that he may be reacting to signals from you and your nervous system, and his nervous system is picking that up. "It often shows up in sensorimotor (sensory and movement impulses) and emotional forms. The child may be reacting to signals from the mother's nervous system that his nervous system is picking up implicitly. He may sense his mother's emotions of anxiety and fear, sadness, loneliness or other emotions that may trigger a reminder to his system of the past abuse he witnessed," she said. "Even happy moments may trigger a sense of threat, because it sounds like it's hard for him to relax."

So, when we understand that the abuse your son witnessed seeped into him, it can clarify why it is critical that you receive the best support that money and time can offer. And yes, time is of the essence. Naturally, we don't want to see your son acting like his other parent, but the good news is that his brain is very young. The sooner he can co-regulate, feel safe and learn how to express his anger, the more likely that the abuse does not have to take on a life of its own, spinning into other behavioral issues that will hurt your son's schooling, friendships and relationships with other adults.

As for trusting yourself when it comes to your son and his emotional needs, please do more of this. I know that after leaving an abusive relationship, trusting your intuition can feel shaky, but I am going to invite you to keep staying curious about what your gut is telling you.

While 3½-year-olds are very emotional humans, this is different. "These unresolved experiences continue to impact his developing nervous system," Reagan says. "It's typical of children who have witnessed intimate partner violence to reenact the power dynamics they witnessed, both in play and in relationships generally." Notice that he is using threats related to childhood ("I will break this house down!") instead of repeating exactly what he heard your ex saying to abuse you. So he is mimicking the spirit of the abusive dynamics.

Even though you were the one who was threatened, it is like your son was threatened along with you. A young child isn't mature enough to say to themselves, "This is about them, not me."

What can you do to support your son? Reagan and I both strongly recommend a play therapist who specializes in attachment and trauma. While the playing may not look like much from the outside, it is important to remember that a young child's primary way of learning is through play, so it tracks that this is where some healing can take place.

Additionally, it is wonderful that you and his grandparents are not punishing or threatening your son. Understanding that his behavior is a sign of needing safety will be the lens through which you will navigate these choppy waters. Keep at it.

Above all, feel optimistic that healing can happen here, for both of you. Take it one day at a time, and surround yourself with people who build you up, support you and celebrate your parenting wins. Good luck!

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Patience is a skill. Here's how to teach your kids.

BY STACEY COLINO



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It's no secret that patience doesn't come easily to kids. And the challenge to develop it may be increasing in our modern world, given that kids have immediate access to so many things that have led them to expect instant gratification 24/7.

They have constant internet access and on-demand TV services. They don't have to wait to see how a photo will turn out after it's been developed; they can see it right away on a digital camera's window or their phones. And they can reach their parents wherever they are, thanks to texting.

"It's a *now* generation — everything is instant and accessible and kids are used to having everything quickly," says Michele Borba, an educational psychologist based in Palm Springs, Calif., and author of "Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine." Yet this new reality comes at the expense of kids developing the ability to tolerate waiting or delays without getting upset.

Kids aren't born with patience. It's a quality they develop over time. "Young kids are supposed to be egocentric because their whole world is revolving around them," Borba explains. This is partly because parents and caregivers are constantly attentive to a child's needs and safety, and partly because of how their brains work. The goal is to gradually help kids build self-control as their brains mature and develop.

"We live in a social world and we can't have everything we want when we want it — that's where patience and self-control come in," says Pamela Cole, a professor of psychology and human development at Penn State. "The years between toddlerhood and kindergarten are critical for developing patience."

By age 6 or 7, kids can start to think about their own behavior and the consequences of that behavior and better understand the concept of patience, says Pamela Davis-Kean, a professor of psychology at the University of Michigan. "Patience is another name for self-regulation, which is both behavioral and emotional."

While schools are a major setting where kids learn patience — often because they have to wait in lines and take turns — parents can also help kids build it. And it's worth the effort, because "a patient child is a happier child," Borba says. "He'll be less stressed, have better self-control, and make fewer rash decisions." Another perk: Research suggests that when people increase their capacity for patience, they have less depression and more positive moods.

Here are some ways you can help your kids cultivate patience:

Play games that involve patience. Outdoor games such as Red Light, Green Light or Mother, May I? help kids learn when to act and when to wait. Inside, playing card games such as Go Fish or board games such as Candy Land or Chutes and Ladders are great ways to help kids learn to wait their turn and handle frustrations, Borba says.

Redirect your child's attention. To help a child be patient while waiting in line, for example, create distractions by playing a hand game (such as Rock Paper Scissors) or an I Spy game or singing a song together.

Sohaib Hasan's almost-3-year-old child often becomes frustrated while waiting for her turn at the playground. "We'll engage in a fun activity like counting birds or finding shapes in the clouds," says Hasan, a father of three girls in Karachi, Pakistan, and founder of *OhMyClassroom.com.* "This makes the waiting time more enjoyable and helps her cope with her impatience."

Research has found that using the attention training technique — which involves focusing your attention on different sounds in space to divert attention from your feelings — improves kids' ability to delay gratification.

Model patience when you're frustrated. Sometimes adults struggle with patience, too. "The difference is, as adults, we have a tool kit to go to, to help us be patient," says Kimberly Cuevas, an associate professor of psychological sciences at the University of Connecticut. As a parent, you can model how you use these tools — by taking a deep breath before acting when you're frustrated or using time spent in traffic to listen to calming music or think aloud about your next vacation. Seeing this behavior may inspire your child to follow your lead in similar situations, experts say.

> *"Patience is teachable as long as the person teaching it is patient themselves."*
>
> **Michele Borba,** educational psychologist and author

Build in pauses. When you ask your child a question that requires more than a yes-or-no response, encourage them to wait at least three seconds before answering, Borba suggests. Besides allowing your child a chance to think of an appropriate response, this pause helps curb the impulse to blurt out the first thing that comes to mind. Along with patience, these are key aspects of self-regulation, Borba says.

Rely on visual aids. Offer concrete ways to count down the waiting time — such as using an oven timer or an hourglass-shaped sand timer — while they're waiting for a snack or your attention, for example. This is especially helpful for younger kids, for whom a particular span of time may feel abstract.

When Yaeli Vogel's 4-year-old son began asking for a new magnet toy, she suggested it would be a great gift for his 5th birthday. He liked the idea until he realized his birthday was several months away. Because he kept asking for the toy, Vogel decided to create a chart for him that depicts every day up until his birthday. "The chart has other exciting dates on it so he's motivated [to] go through it and not just anticipate the end," says Vogel, a mother of five boys and an artist and gallerist in Long Island.

Besides helping him realize the big day is coming closer, checking off a date on the chart each night has allowed him to practice patience, she says.

Validate your child's feelings. "There may be times when you need to be compassionate and say, 'This is really hard for you, honey, and I'm sorry,'" Cole says. This is a form of "emotion coaching," which can be effective in helping kids develop patience among other self-regulatory skills. Research has found that including emotion coaching in parenting programs helps reduce children's disruptive behaviors and improve the relationship between kids and their parents.

Discuss the outcomes of decisions. Depending on your child's age and ability to verbalize their feelings, it may be valuable to talk about whether they're happy with a particular choice they made or wish they'd made a different one.

A 2019 study in the Journal of Experimental Child Psychology found that experiencing regret about a choice helps 6- and 7-year-old kids learn to delay gratification when they face a similar one in the future.

To get the conversation started, you could comment upon how your child seems to feel after deciding to spend their birthday money right away, then ask how they do feel about their decision or what they learned. By encouraging this kind of self-reflection, Borba says, you'll be helping them develop the ability to delay gratification in the future.

Use positive reinforcement. "Recognize when your kids have been patient and tell them you appreciate it," Cuevas says. "This will help motivate your children to do that again." You can also do this by "telling the other parent or a friend how well your child did with patience while your child is within earshot," Borba says. Hopefully, your child takes pride in that behavior, which will encourage a repeat performance in the future.

"Patience is teachable as long as the person teaching it is patient themselves," Borba says. "You'll never get instant results. It takes patience and it takes time."

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Home Sales

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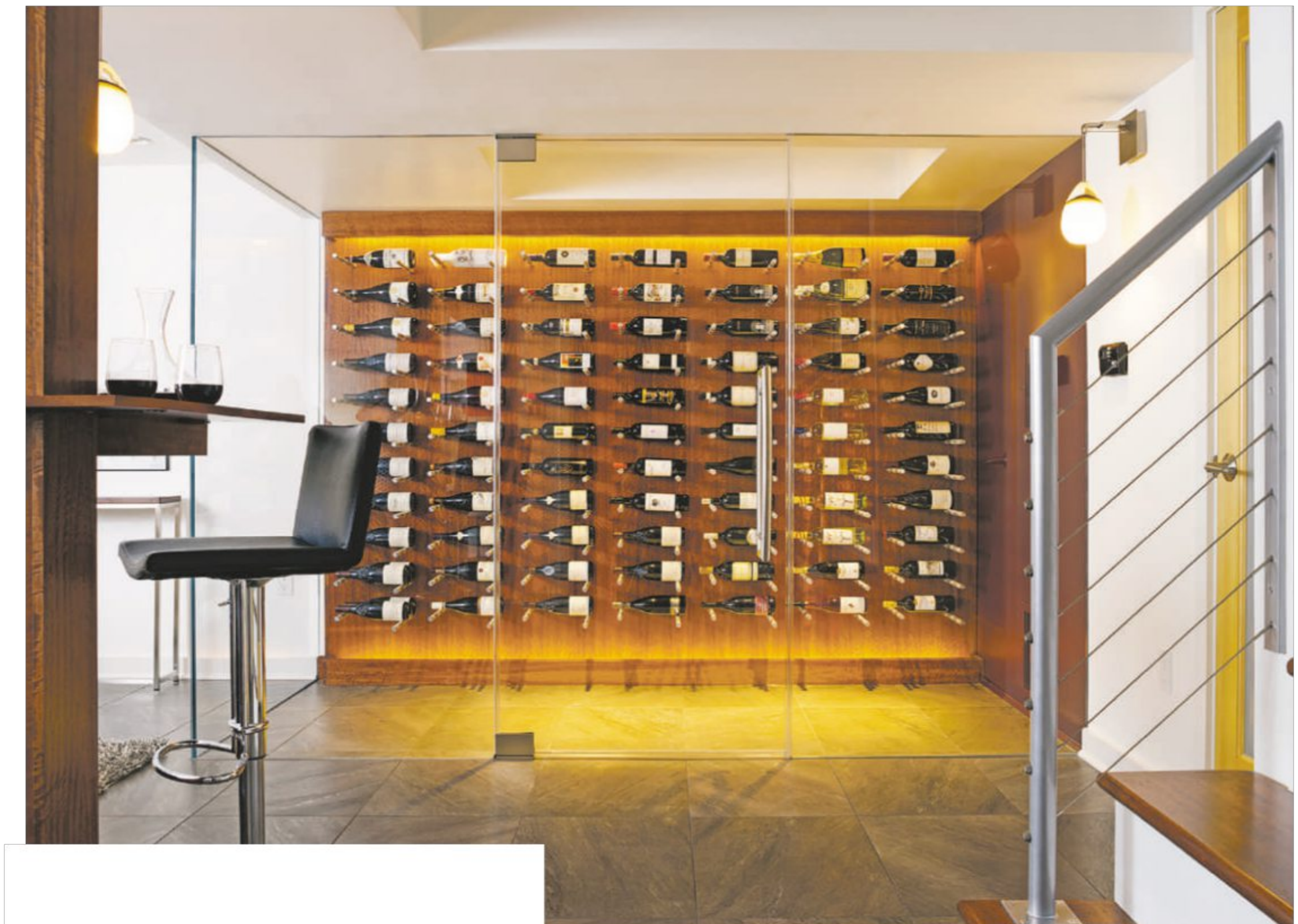
Ames St., 3904, $550,000.
Blaine St., 5327, $285,000.
Capitol St. E., 412, $1.31 million.
Corbin Pl., 1320, $849,000.
Eckington Pl., 1625, No. 406, $699,900.
F St., 1656, $460,000.
G St., 650, $1.3 million.
Half Moon Pl., 2185, $665,000.
Kennedy St., 825, $370,000.
Newton St., 3114, $450,000.
Quincy Pl., 8, $630,000.
Seaton Pl., 233, No. 8, $815,000.
Trinidad Ave., 1503, $480,000.
Waltman Pl., 95, $699,000.
Third St., 2519, $733,000.
Eighth St., 4710, $550,000.
13th Pl., 2364, $615,000.
16th St., 25, $399,000.
17th St., 415, No. B, $439,000.
24th St., 3806, $810,000.

NORTHWEST

9 1/2 St., 1999, No. 601, $495,000.
Adams Mill Rd., 2800, No. 3, $1.26 million.
Belmont Rd., 1831, No. 204, $460,000.
California St., 2123, No. D6, $499,900.
Cathedral Ave., 4101, $500,000.
Church St., 1450, No. 203, $730,000.
Columbia Rd., 1851, No. 704, $325,000.
Connecticut Ave., 3901, No. 109, $399,000.
Connecticut Ave., 5410, No. 802, $275,000.
Dunmore Lane, 2100, $5.1 million.
Elm St., 229, $660,000.
Emerson St., 1224, $540,000.
Flagler Pl., 2027, $725,000.
Fulton St., 5100, $1.12 million.
Greenwich Pkwy., 4427, $985,000.
Hobart St., 1717, $1.66 million.
Irving St., 430, No. 108, $294,500.
Jefferson St., 608, No. 301, $353,000.
Kansas Ave., 5114, $1 million.
King Pl., 2358, $1.82 million.
Linnean Ave., 4828, $1.41 million.
M St., 2301, $390,000.
Madison St., 252, $730,000.
Massachusetts Ave., 2002, No. R-1, $1.07 million.
Montague St., 1625, $915,000.
N St., 3100, No. 4, $550,000.
New Hampshire Ave., 2039, $215,000.
O St., 2142, No. 200, $485,000.
Ontario Rd., 2853, $429,000.
Park Rd., 1644, $950,000.
Porter St., 3201, $1.27 million.
Q St., 2500, No. 511, $367,500.
Quebec St., 4939, $1.75 million.
R St., 1419, $740,000.
Reno Rd., 5303, $1.9 million.
Rock Creek Church Rd., 247, $545,000.
Scott Cir., 1, No. 807, $240,000.
Sherier Pl., 5837, $1.5 million.
T St., 1225, $639,000.
T St., 3821, $675,000.
U St., 134, $750,000.
Upton St., 4913, $4.2 million.
Varnum St., 1725, $2.27 million.
Vernon St., 1835, $1.35 million.
Warren St., 4708, $1.2 million.
Wisconsin Ave., 2111, No. 501, $419,000.
Yuma St., 4208, $2.05 million.
Second St., 1952, $790,000.
Fourth St., 5419, $830,000.
Sixth St., 1530, $1.04 million.
Seventh St., 3819, $829,000.
11th St., 1111, No. 802, $430,000.
13th St., 2717, No. A, $800,000.
14th St., 3441, No. 5, $740,000.
17th St., 2410, No. 302, $850,000.
18th St., 1545, No. 301, $286,000.
19th St., 3155, $1.62 million.
24th St., 922, No. 608, $240,000.
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43rd Pl., 4627, $1.52 million.

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Barnaby Terr., 1134, $446,500.
C St., 3921, $430,000.
Dubois Pl., 4406, $250,000.
Good Hope Rd., 1815, $485,900.
K St., 1425, $616,900.
New Jersey Ave., 1000, $380,000.
R St., 2834, No. 1, $100,000.
Stanley St., 4121, $570,000.
W St., 3812, No. 102, $175,000.
Young St., 2139, No. 202, $275,000.
Seventh St., 108, $1.21 million.
Ninth St., 712, $839,500.
15th St., 27, $780,000.
27th St., 1317, No. 1317B, $265,000.
32nd Pl., 2121, $525,000.

SOUTHWEST

Delaware Ave., 1301, $165,000.
N St., 510, No. N118, $208,000.
Fourth St., 800, No. N506, $265,000.

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ASPEN HILL AREA

Adrian St., 4614, $495,000.
Carrolton Rd., 15216, $912,000.
Grenoble Dr., 13517, $520,000.
Robindale Dr., 12723, $490,000.
Vista Dr., 13925, $620,000.

BETHESDA AREA

Alta Vista Terr., 9603, $1.01 million.
Battery Lane, 4977, No. 1-821, $268,500.
Brookes Ridge Ct., 606, $2 million.
Charred Oak Dr., 8900, $1.58 million.
Edward Ave., 10002, $1.83 million.
Farnham Dr., 10217, $895,000.
Greentree Rd., 7300, $780,000.
Kenilworth Ave., 10619, No. K202, $219,000.
Lindale Dr., 9113, $1.05 million.
Millwood Rd., 6509, $1 million.
Newmarket Dr., 7600, $1.03 million.
Pioneer Lane, 5607, $1.26 million.
Scarsdale Rd., 5000, $1.65 million.
Swansong Way, 7234, No. 7, $800,000.
Westridge Rd., 5112, $2.68 million.
Wilmett Rd., 6517, $865,000.

BOYDS AREA

Broken Timber Way, 18404, $750,000.

BROOKEVILLE AREA

Hawlings Rd., 1000, $640,000.

BURTONSVILLE AREA

Berleigh Hill Ct., 3826, $470,000.

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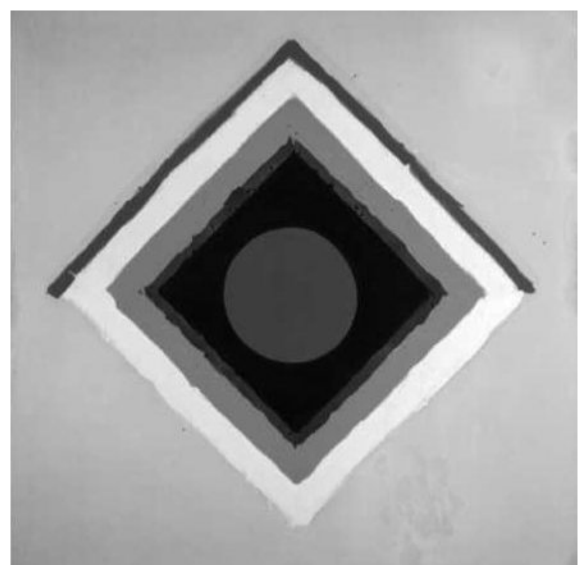
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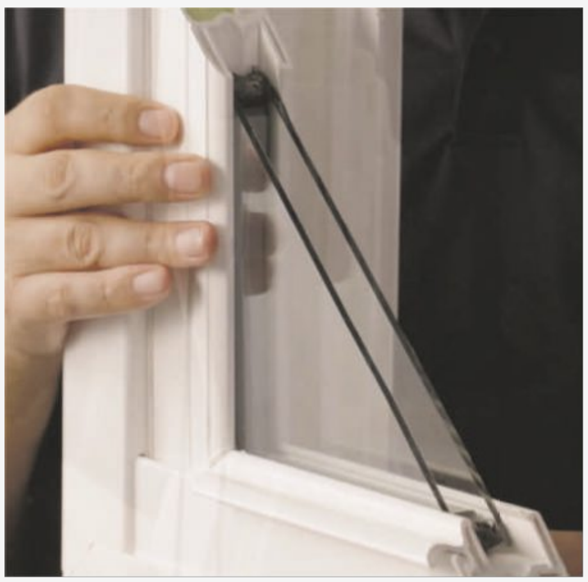
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